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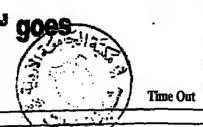
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# Ross arrives; IDF readies for Land Day

### **Army plans** tough response to any violence

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

With tanks, snipers, and seriously beefed-up forces, the IDF is making it very clear to the Palestinians that they risk losing

Katsav to Israeli Arab leaders: Keep Land Day peaceful, Page 2

everything if protests over the weekend to mark Land Day turn

'Code-named "Burning Iron," the IDF plan allows for Palestinian demonstrations, but will meet any violence with a tough response. Protests are likely after prayers today, and are expected to peak on Land Day on Sunday.

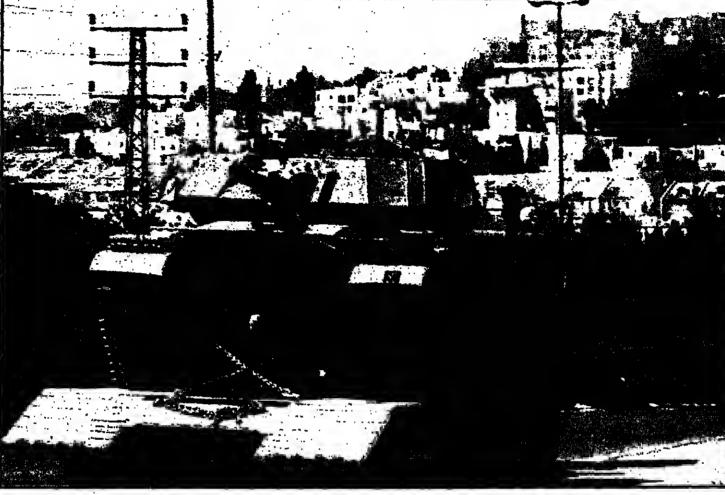
For the third weekend in a row, Jerusalem police will be out in full force at the Temple Mount and at Har Homa, bracing for further clashes with Palestinian pro-

Much of the operation today will focus on the Temple Mount, where large numbers of Moslem worshipers are expected to turn

Aksa Mosque. Although some restrictions have been lifted, the closure of Judea, Samaria, and Gaza is sull in effect, and many Arab residents of PA-controlled areas will not be able to enter Israel to

attend services. For now, tanks bave been brought to outlying areas, but they are mainly for a deterrent effect. The IDF is aware that if tanks are used, the peace process will probably be blown sky-bigh. "I hope that these days pass

quietly. But we have the might



A tank is moved through northern Jerusalem yesterday, as tanks were deployed in the West Bank in preparation for Land Day. (AP)

and I very much hope that we won't need to use the forces that are already on the ground," Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Jerusalem yesterday.

"There are tanks. The problem is not tanks, but how not to use the forces - and that is what I hope will happen. According to the information at our disposal, we will wait and see what develops, so that is wby we have forces there," he said. "If we were sure it would be quiet, then we wouldn't need all the forces that are now there."

Tanks will be used only as a last resort and entry into the Palestinian-controlled areas will be only on order of the govern-

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai called on the Palestinians to refrain from vionot refrain from using force if

"If someone wants to make a mistake, they will find we are prepared. The Palestinian public needs to return to waging a war on violence. You must rid terror from your midst so that it will be safe for all of us," Mordechai said in an interview with Arabic

Large numbers of soldiers have been sent to settlements in Judea and Samaria. Patrols have been increased on some roads in the territories, and some roads have

been closed to Israelis. Jewish worshipers are not being allowed into Joseph's Tomb io Nablus until at least Monday, but the site

The IDF said its policy will be to first allow the Palestinian Police to quell any violence, but snipers have been deployed at expected confrontation sites just in case.

For the first time, the IDF bas also barred Palestinians from the border industrial zones and has instructed settlement security officers to bar entry to Palesunian workers.

Some 30 suspected Hamas activists have been arrested in the West Bank since last Friday's suicide bombing in Tel Aviv. Some

They believed it was time to

"shed their containers," perhaps to rendezvous with a UFO they

believed was traveling behind the

Hale-Bopp comet, Matzorkis said.

One video was of the group's

elderly male leader, the other con-

tained each member's taped

are said to be connected to that bombing, others are linked to other terrorist acts. A number of the arrests this week were carried unit in areas under Palestinian civilian control and in coordination with the Palestinian Police.

The village of Tsurif, home of Moussa Ranimat, who committed last Friday's attack, is still under

Meanwhile, clashes were reported yesterday between Arab demonstrators and IDF forces. including near Tekoa, Beit El. and Ateret. Soldiers dispersed the protesters with tear gas and rubber bullets.

Elli Wohlgelernter contributed to this report.

Rio received the videotapes by

mail Tuesday, Matzorkis said, and

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Matzorkis told ABC television

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Wednesday.

### US envoy meets PM in effort to save process

By MICHAL YUDELMAN and news agencies

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu was expected to tell special US envoy Dennis Ross last night that Israel will not carry on with the peace process unless there is a complete cessation of

Ross arrived yesterday on an emergency mission to save the peace process, which is perceived by both the US and Israel as being on the verge of breaking down. He

Palestinian Council calls to suspend talks, Page 2

was closeted with Netanyahu, in the latter's home, at press time.

On his way here, Ross met Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat in Rabat, Morocco, where he is attending a meeting of the Islamic world's Jerusalem Committee, to hear his position on the crisis, and to discuss ways of resolving it.

Neither issued a statement after the approximately two-hour meet-

The goal of my mission is to take account of the situation in the Middle East for the president and the secretary of state and to give them a report at the end of this week," Ross said, before leaving

US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said vesterday that Arafat has 10 put up a "red light" against violence. She said in an interview that he must give a 100% effort to

end violence. Ross brought Netanyahu a letter from President Bill Clinton, who is deeply concerned for the fate of the peace process and over the potential of violence on Sunday, and Day. Ross is due to return to

Netanyahu reportedly was to tell Ross that Israel will not agree to make any concessions to the Palestinians and will not allow them to gain any political profit from terrorism. He was said determined not to succumb to US attempts to obtain political commitments from Israel or to negotiate on future construction in Jerusalem or on the future pull-

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He was also to say that Israel will not agree to discuss future pullbacks with the Palestinians, and will continue to make unilateral decisions, a stance the US supported in a letter written by then secretary of state Warren Christopher after the signing of the Hebron agreement.

Foreign Minister David Levy said that unless Arafat stops all terrorism, all incitement to terrorism, and all his attempts to isolate Israel, "there will be no peace."

At a meeting with European Union envoy Miguel Moratinos, Levy warned that the resolutions Committee meeting may destroy

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# Mystery surrounds computer-cult mass suicide

RANCHO SANTA FE. California (AP) - Thirty-nine members of a computer cult committed suicide in a million-dollar California mansion, perhaps timing their destruction to the approach of the Hale-Bopp comet, authorities and an associate said vesterday.

Sheriff's deputies who went to the Spanish-style mansion on an anonymous tip found the victims of one of the biggest mass suicides in US history. Other than the bodies, they found little but mystery. There's no gunshot wounds, there's no knife holes in anybody,"

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The bodies were still in the house yesterday as investigators searched the bouse and refrigerated vans from the coroner's office

More cult suicides expected, Page 8

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and businesslike. Members of the cult told their landlord that they were sent to Earth as angels, Milt Silverman, lawyer for landlord Sam Koutchesfahani, told San Diego radio station KFMB. Members also told him that the group had branches in other states.

Fulmer said at first that all 39 victims were male, hetween 18 and 24. He later said some were women and some were older, but was unable to provide further

Beverly Hills businessman Nick Matzorkis, who employs a former member of the Higher Source group, said yesterday that members sent the employee, identified as Rio, two videotapes about committing suicide. He told NBC television that it was his understanding that they took sleeping pills and died Monday.

'Post Internet Edition' grabs second in int'l competition

The Jerusolem Post Internet Edition has won second place for advertising in the second annual worldwide Best Newspaper Online Service Awards, it was announced at the Interactive Newspapers conference in Houston, Texas.

In announcing the citation in the category of "Best Use of Advertising by an Online Newspaper Service." D. Colin Phillips, copublisher of Editor & Publisher Magazine, noted that Web sites originating in 26 countries and published in nine different languages were evaluated by a panel of 21 international authoriues in journalism and interactive

communications. "The award truly recognizes

Post' reporter wins award, Page 5

world-class acbievement, Phillips said in notifying Post electronic publishing director Nina Keren-David of the prize.



### Shoul Eisenberg dies in China years as an intermediary between the communist regime and Israel. By Jerusalem Post Staff

Shoul Eisenberg, chairman of the Israel Corporation and one of the country's most influential industrialists, died yesterday in Beijing, apparently of a heart

Eisenberg, 76, was also president of the Eisenberg Group of

After fleeing Germany in 1938, he eventually settled in Japan, where he founded companies that after World War II supplied raw materials to Japanese steel indus-He expanded his operations to

include a wide range of industrial concerns in Asia, South America, Europe, and Israel, moving here with his family in the 1960s.

He took a particularly active role in trading and investing in China, and was widely regarded for many

He played a pivotal role in facilitating a breakthrough in Israel-China relations, culminating in full diplomatic ties.

Eisenberg's interests in Israel were centred on Israel Corporation, which controls Israel Chemicals, the country's largest industrial concern; the Zim Israel Navigation shipping line: Shikun Ufituah, one of the country's largest construction firms, and Oil Refineries Ltd.

He has been awarded the Jerusalem 3000 Award, Legion of Honneur, Austrian Decoration and a Highest Korean Merit Decoration.

He is survived by his widow, Lea, five daughters, and a son, Erwin, who in recent years has assumed key roles in a number of Eisenberg's companies.



Two days of dehate in the Palestinian Legislative Council ended with a call to suspend talks with Israel, and ambiguous calls for violent resistance to its policies. The council called on the

Palestinian Authority to suspend negotiations until Israel stops building settlements, reject the sixmonth final status plan which will leave the PA with no term of reference in peace talks, and reject US vetoes in the UN and call on it to be an honest mediator.

The call paralleled one hy Fatah earlier this week, but did not specifically call for demonstrations against Har Homa. It did praise "the martyrs of resistance to settlements." The council is largely composed of Fatah supporters.
In Rabat, Morocco, PA

Chairman Yasser Arafat spoke to reporters of "the crime of the Israelis against Jerusalem, Judaizing Jerusalem. Building settlements inside and outside Jerusalem is a real crime."

The opposition and the PA's supporters were converging in their calls for resistance, and the thin

violeot resistance was being breached in several places.

The difference between Har Homa and the expansion of existing settlements, all of which the Palestinians consider illegal, was also eradicated.

The suspension of talks is basic until all settlement expansion is halted," said council member Hisham Abdel-Razek.

Council member Marwan Barghouti, Fatah chief in the West Bank, yesterday denied a radio report, which quoted a Palestinian newspaper, that he had praised last week's Tel Aviv suicide bomber, saying he was firmly opposed to violence, especially inside the Green Line.

"I was one of the first to condemn acts of terror," he said, adding that he had said: "We should identify with the village of Tsurif," from which the killer came, "but distinguish between the village under curfew and the sui-

His version was separately supported by a US observer at Wednesday's proceedings. However Husam Khader, another

line which separates peaceful from Fatah activist, thought he heard him say " 'the council should salute the hero.' I was surprised hy Marwan, because we consider him a powerful supporter of dialogue."

Meretz leader Yossi Sarid isseed

a statement strenuously attacking Barghouti's words. He said, Itim reported, that they "cast a heavy shadow over the Palestinian Legislative Council, and remove it from the list of enlightened parliaments.

Meanwhile, opposition groups readying for Friday prayers and Land Day on Sunday beld a joint press conference with Fatah in Gaza in which Hamas did not rule out violence and Fatah warned of

Hamas spokesman Dr. Mahmoud Zahar called for a "new intifada" and noted "all options are open."

Ahmed Heless, Fatah representa-

tive, did not propose violence, but warned that "the Israeli prime minister's policies will bring disaster and war to the peoples of the

About 30% of Fatah supporters voted for an intifada in a Beit Sahur meeting of all West Bank regional representatives earlier this week. A



A Palestinian boy prepares to throw a rock during disturbances near the IDF checkpoint in Ramallah yesterday. One soldier was, injured when his vehicle was stoned. There were also clashes on the road to Bir Zeit. Ten Palestinians were lightly wounded. In Kalandiya refugee camp, youths briefly threw stones at cars on the main Jerusalem-Ramaliah road. Bethlehem and Hebron were reported quiet.

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# Katsav asks Arabs to keep Land Day peaceful

By DAVID RUDGE

Tourism Minister Moshe Katsav yesterday called on Israeli Arab leaders to do their utmost to ensure that activities planned for Land Day on Sunday pass quictly.
The call to Ibrahim Nimr Hussein, chairman

of the forum of Arab Council Heads, came amid concern that the receot violence in the territories might spill across the Green Line during the general strike declared by the Arab leadership to mark Land Day.

"They have the right to demonstrate, protest, hold parades and rallies, bot not disturbances or riots - oot under any circumstances or under any conditions," Katsav told Israel Radio.

Katsav said he had spoken with Nimr Hussein and had been assured that there would be no breach of the peace during the Land Day activities.

"I am convinced that responsible leaders will not lend a hand to any deterioratioo in relations between Jews and Arabs. We have lived with one another for 49 years and we will continue to live with one another for hundreds of years to come," said Katsav, who is

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also the minister responsible for Arah affairs. "If, however, someone does not respect this and tries to use different means, to attain political or individual aims, which cause an

escalation in the situation, we will oot be able

to let this pass. We have to ensure law and order under all circumstances," he said. Police and the IDF are oo high alert to prevent violent clashes and rioting. But police district chiefs and local council heads have also been talking to Israeli Arab leaders, ask-

ing them to help keep the peace.
On Wednesday, for example, Tel Aviv
Mayor Ronni Milo met with Arab leaders in Jaffa to discuss residents' problems. Although Jaffa Arabs live with their Jewish neighbors in relative harmony, they tend to veot their frus-trations on other social issues during processions and demonstratioos. Jaffa residents intend to demonstrate on Sunday against a huilding project in the neighborhood.

Arab leaders reiterated yesterday that there was no intention to cause any disturbances on Land Day and that leaflets had been distributed throughout the community calling for...

Nevertheless, there was criticism over what

they described as a government-sponsored campaign of incitement against the Arab sec-

This campaign of incitement against the Israeli Arab community is dangerous and irrespoosible because it gives the green light to the security forces to create provocation on Land Day," said Mohammed Baraki, secretary-general of the Democratic Front for Peace and Equality (Hadash).

According to Arab leaders, allegations against the Arab sector include reports that... Land Day activities were being coordinated. with the Palestinians.

Similar commeots were made by Hussein Suleiman, spokesman for the Forum of Arab Council Heads, who said he hoped police and . security forces would not stage a show of force in Arab towns and villages on Land

"The presence of large forces of police would be like a provocation and would only serve to heat up a situation which we are trying to keep under control by urging people to. act with responsibility and within the law,"

Raine Marcus contributed to this report

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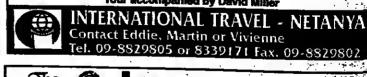
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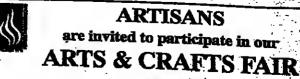




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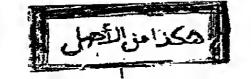
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Israel might increase pressure on Maj.-Gen. [res.] Meir Dagan, the

prime minister's adviser on coun-

terrerrorism, indicated yesterday.

Speaking at a conference sponsored by the International Policy Institute for Counterserrorism in-Herzliya, Dagan said, "Only heavy pressure from Israel and the international community on the PA - and when I say international pressure, I mean from the US and prevention of diplomatic PA achievements and maybe even threats against its survival will influence [Yasser] Arafat and the PA to constantly fight Islamic ter-

Dagan said such a campaign by Arafat must include the elimination of the Hamas and Islamic Jihad terrorist infrastructure, an end to hostile propaganda, and a collection of unauthorized weapons. He said the PA must also extradite suspected terrorists to

The conference ended with a call by several former heads of Western intelligence agencies for an international effort against terthe fight against Islamic terrorism. rorism that would increase cooperation and stop funding of terrorist groups. The signatories included former CIA director James Woolsey, former Mossad chief Shabrai Shavit, and former US assistant secretary of state Edward

> Officials said any new Israeli connerterrorism policy will be determined by the visit of US peace process coordinator Dennis Ross and what happens on Land Day on Sunday. They said their concern includes scenarios of massive unrest, orchestrated by the PA, in which thousands of Palestinian rioters will seek to overrun IDF outposts and enter

> "The situation is very fluid," said Gideon Ezra, deputy chairman of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee. "We are working from day to

### IDF evacuates Joseph's Tomb, closes roads

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

As Land Day draws closer and amid fear of an escalation in violence, the IDF once again ordered worshipers and Od Yosef Hai yeshiva students at Joseph's Tomb to leave the area.

According to Yehuda Liebman, director of the Nabius Command organization, yesterday morning the IDF informed them to evacuate the compound.

"Every time the Palestinians threaten violence, the IDF evacuates us," he said. Liebman added that the yeshiva

students were told they would be wildbie to neum to the compound until Monday. The IDF confirmed the closure of

Joseph's Tomb to worshipers but refused to comment on the length of time it would remain closed.

. The IDF yesterday morning elosed a portion of the Dolev-Beit El road and advised residents to use an alternative route due to the tense

In Judea and Samaria yesterday there were reports of an increase in incidents of stones being thrown at passing cars.

According to Arutz 7, stones were thrown in the areas of Harbeta (near Manityahu and Modi'in), Ein Yabrud (near Ofrah) and Hizmeh (between Pisgat Ze'ev and the Ramallah bypass road). Radio reports also said that the route to Tekoa was elosed and residents were forced to detour through another road, where stones were thrown at them.

Last night Magen David Adom treated a settler from Efrat who was lightly injured by stones thrown at his car.



OJ trial judge visits Jerusalem

Judge Ito Kato, who presided over the O.J. Simpson trial, passes a beggar on the Via Dolorosa while touring Jerusalem yesterday.

in brief

### Bomber's family appeals home demolition

The High Court of Justice will convene in urgent session on Sunday to hear a petition from the family of Mussa Ranimat, the Tel Aviv suicide bomber, against the decision to raze their house in Kafr Tsurif. Justice Eliezer Goldberg, who was on duty, issued an interim injunction against the destruction of the house.

### 971 Palestinians found here illegally

Since the closure was imposed on the territories after last Friday's suicide bombing, 971 Palestinians have been discovered inside the Green Line illegally. The police have checked some 5,500 sites. Police have opened criminal cases against 51 Palestinians caught here illegally more that three rimes. Cases also have been opened against eight Israelis who illegally hired

### One killed in motorcycle accident

Maxim Schneiderman, 18, of Nerivot, died last night when the motorcycle he and his friend Ronen Lagot where riding on overturned near Kibbutz Ruhama, Lagot, 22, who had gotten his

motorcycle license only two weeks ago, was moderately injured.

Three brothers from Safed travelling through Netanya were injured – including a three-year-old who was seriously injured – when the driver lost control and slammed into a utility pole yes-. terday afternoon

Nine people were lightly injured yesterday morning when two cars collided near Ramat Yishai. Five others were injured in a head-on collision between two cars near Ma'aleh Gilboa. In Bat Yam, a 77-year-old man was hit by a motorcycle while crossing the street. He is in serious condition at Holon's Wolfson

### Spy Herzl Rad to be released today

Herzl Rad, who was sentenced two years ago to three years' imprisonment for contacting a foreign agent, is to be released today from Ma'asiyahu Prison, after serving two-thirds of his sentence. In 1995, Rad, a Jerusalem resident, offered his services to officials at the Iranian Embassy in Istanbul. He was taken to Iran, signed up, given a contact person and promised \$10,000 if he successfully performed his assignments, including getting information from army bases.

Upon returning to Israel, Rad went to the security services and told them the story. He was arrested and charged with spying. and assisting an enemy in time of war - charges which carry a sentence of death or of life in prison - but under a plea bargain the charge was reduced to contact with a foreign agent. Itim

### Caves discovered at Har Homa

By ELLI WOHLGELERNTER

The discovery Wednesday of three caves on Har Homa added a new twist to the problematic project, and fueled speculation about the possibility of Palestinians and haredim demonstrating together to stop construction at the site.

Early reports said the finds included bones, and even a possible graveyard, but that was denied yesterday

by both the Antiquities Authority and the Housing Ministry.

"We don't know yet whether there are graves or not," said Moshe Eilat, a spokesman for the Housing Ministry, "Even if we know, there are solutions to it. We have to check it, and this will take a few days, but this is not going to stop us from what we have to do."

Eilar said he did not foresee the curious combination of religious

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"Haredim are not going to protest because we are going to do whatever has to be done according to Halacha," he said.

Osnat Goaz, spokeswoman for the Antiquities Authority, said that although the reports of bones being found are not true, "we do think that we will find some in the future, because it's an archeological site, and we know from the past that when we do excavations in places like that, normally we find bones." Goaz said the site around the whole area of Har Homa was agricultural land during the Second Temple period, Later it was the site of Byzantine Christian monastie activity, when it was known as St. Paul's Hill.

A member of Ana Kanistia 25. East said office arrangements are baredi group that seeks to preserve, possible if and when they find ancient burial sites, said that even if burial caves were found at the site, arrangements could be made to allow further construction without disturbing the bones.

nothing clear was discovered," said David Schmidl of Atra Kadisha.

"Checks will be made but there are always ways to get around the issue." The discovery of bones at other construction sites have sometimes led to large demonstrations by

bones. There are solutions how to do it - you have to build above it, a little bit around it - there are solutions," he said. Goaz said that "if it's a big find,

ve ask [the builders] to ch plans, or leave it open as an archeological site."

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# Hizbullah leader: Peace inevitable

By DAVID RUDGE

Hizbullah spiritual leader Sheikh Mohammed Hussein Fadlallah has declared that an Arah-Israeli peace settlement is inevitable.

Fadlallah, while maintaining his opposition to any such accord, nevertheless made it clear that he believes some sort of comprehensive peace agree-ment will ultimately he achieved.

The leading Moslem Shi'ite cleric was quoted in the Englishlanguage Beirut newspaper the Daily Star yesterday as saying that the Middle East is "likely to remain in a state of no war and no peace for some time.

But a settlement hetween the Arabs and the Israelis is inevitable, irrespective of how long it takes to conclude." Fadlallah said.

He maintained that no matter how difficult the issues appear now, a compromise would he reached in due time.

Fadlallah, in an interview on the eve of the return 10 the region of US Middle East envoy Dennis Ross, ruled out the possibility of a major military conflagration in south Lebanon.

He maintained that the US would not give Israel the "green light" for such action because "any such aggression would produce the same results as in Grapes of Wrath when phenomenal feelings of anger surfaced in the Arab world and not only in

Meanwhile, scores of dignitaries from the security zone, as well as senior South Lebanese Army officers, were hosted in Tiberias on Wednesday.

SLA commander Gen. Antoine Lahad, government coordinator on Lehanon Uri Lubrani and senior IDF officers, including Col. Shaul Kamisa. bead of the civil aid program to Lebanon.

Kamisa said the civil aid hudget, which last year was just over \$7 million, would be increased to around \$7.4m. this year. Most of the money is to be spent on welfare projects and aid to families of bereaved SLA soldiers and officers and those wounded.

### Nahal leaves Lebanon

Soldiers from the Nahal brigade have pulled out of Lebanon in the past few days, after completing their stint of duty there despite the heavy losses the brigade suffered in the helicopter disaster over Moshav She'ar Yashuv and in fighting in the security zone.

Regional Brigade commander Col. Coby told reporters in the north

on Wednesday, after the troops returned to the border from positions inside the zone, that their determination in the face of the losses was

He stressed that the motivation of the soldiers, who enjoyed a brief respite before preparing for a training exercise, was extremely high.



**Up, up, and away** 

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai gets ready for take-off in the back seat of an F-15 yesterday. It was his first flight in a fighter and he spent 40 minutes in a flight that took him over Jerusalem, the Jordan Valley, and along the Lebanese border. He was piloted by the F-15 squadron commander. A second F-15 was piloted by OC Air Force Eitan Ben-Eliahu, who had (Text Arieh O'Sullivan; Photo: Ariel Hermoni/Defense Ministry) Mordechai's military aide, Brig.-Gen. Ya'acov Amidror, in his back seat.

# Report: Hizbullah deploying deadly 'tank snipers'

By DOUGLAS DAVIS

LONDON - Hizhullah has started deploying three-man squads of "tank snipers" equipped with anti-tank guided missiles in South Lebanon, according to the London-based weekly newsletter Foreign Report.

In what is claimed to be an "exclusive," the newsletter said the units are equipped with AT-4 Spigot missiles, which have an "extremely high" hit rate of 80 percent and have inflicted casualties every time they have been used against Israeli targets.

It quotes Western intelligence sources in Lebanon as saying the Hizbullah units "make excellent use of the AT-4s improved guidance systems and higher speed."

The latest operation, according to the newsletter, occurred last week when a welltrained, highly mobile "tank sniper" unit, based

on reliable intelligence, fired two missiles at an Israeli convoy traveling to a base near Beaufort

The missiles were fired from a distance of 1.6 kilometers and one struck a lorry, killing one IDF soldier and wounding three others.

Despite swift artillery, tank and helicopter reactions from Israel, the attackers were said to have escaped under a cover of mortar and machinegun fire from a Hizbullah support team.

### to expand activities for Arabs

**SPNI** 

By DAVID RUDGE

The Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel (SPNI) intends to expand its activities in the Arab sector because of growing interest in environmental issues among Arab youth.

SPNI executive director Eitan Gidalizon said the society has opened branch offices in Sakhnin and Nazareth in the Galilee, and near Taiba in the Triangle, and intends to open more.

The existing offices are very active, organizing training courses for guides; and hikes and study sessions for youth groups," said

The growing interest in nature, conservation, and environmental issues was underlined by the number of participants in the annual meeting yesterday of the SPNI's Israeli Arab department, which is beaded by Mahmoud Jezawi.

More than 12,000 schoolchildren took part in the event, organized in conjunction with the Education Ministry. It included hikes over parts of Mt. Carmel, followed by a meeting at Ramat Hanadiv near Zichron Ya'acov.

A number of foreign ambassadors also participated in the meeting, where plans were dis-cussed for expanding joint nature projects with the Palcstinian Authority.

"If we are searching for a common denominator in our region in these days of tension, I think we can find it in understanding and learning more about nature, as well as the need to protect the environment for the benefit of future generations," Gidalizon.

## Jordanian gunman says girls mocked him

Jordanian soldier who gunned down seven schoolgirls at Naharayim two weeks ago harbored deep anti-Israel feelings but opened fire "on the spur of the moment" because the girls mocked him while be prayed, his lawyer said yesterday.

"I heard laughter and jeers and girls mocking me when I ended my prayers...I was outraged by one girl taking pictures and other girls laughing at me," Jordanian Sergeant Ahmed Dakamsa was quoted by lawyer Ahmad Najdawi as saying.

Najdawi is the first lawyer allowed to see Dakamsa since he emptied the clip of his rifle at the girls, who were on a school trip.

Dakamsa told Najdawi that be

acted impulsively.

"It appears that the soldier's motives were patriotic and he acted out of a rage on the spur of the moment," said Najdawi, a prominent lawyer who often defends political activists.

"The man could not control his nerve and took hold of his rifle and frustrations and injustice felt by an examination when his trial begins.

AMMAN (Reuter) – The Arah against Israeli arrogance," ordanian soldier who gunned down Najdawi said. "I cannot say he is a hero, but he is a nationalist who acted out of nationalist motives and frustration at what the Arabs are suf-

> Many Jordanians, reflecting hardened anti-Israeli views, say Dakamsa is a hero motivated by a deep sense of outrage over Israeli violence against Palestinians.

Lawyers have come to his defense. demanding he be treated with the same leniency they say Israel has. shown to perpetrators of violence against Arabs.

Najdawi said he found Dakamsa 'normal, with no signs of being beaten" by his interrogators.

He described him as a simple "unpoliticized peasant" who "watched television screens and was filled with a sense of humiliation and helplessness by the treatment of Arabs by Israelis."

Asked about reports that Dakamsa. was mentally unstable, Najdawi said he saw no proof of any abnormal behavior but that he might request started shooting, motivated by all the the soldier be referred for medical

### Labor panel does not rule out 'limited' Palestinian state ness," Barak said. "It's bigb time Labor By SARAH HONIG

The Labor Party's next platform may recognize the right of the Palestinians to self-determination and perhaps to limited

A resolution to this effect will be submitted for the approval of Labor's conparty's political committee yesterday.

The resolution says that "the Labor aspects of sovereignty."

Barak stressed that he would "prefer the confederation between the vention in May, after it was adopted by the

self-determination and it does not rule out a Palestinian state with reduced sover-Previous Labor platforms always strenu-

ously opposed the establishment of a Palestinian state. Before the last election, however, this opposition was dropped, though not replaced with support for such The resolution says Jerusalem should

"remain united under Israeli sovereignty, but with municipal autonomy for its Arab residents." The resolution's adoption marks a defeat

for would-be party leader Ehud Barak, who opposed them strenuously and even came out against putting the subject on the convention's agenda.

"I don't think the Labor Party ought to deliberate the issue. It's none of our busi-

ceased taking up such issues with so much misguided passion. It is not up to us to determine what the other side should want-Our responsibility is to look after the interests of the State of Israel.

Whether they will have a state is up to them. It is not inconceivable that, as a result of the Oslo process, a Palestinian

option on a confederation between the Palestinians and Jordan, which would be best for all, but I do not delude myself that we will decide this."

The political committee is headed by another contender for party leadership, MK Shlomo Ben-Ami, who drafted the resolution. He explained that such a state would be demilitarized and its authority

would not be full." MK Yossi Beilin, also in the running, applauded the fact that "at last the great deception in Labor regarding a Palestinian state is over. Anyone who tries to escape its inevitability will loose his credibility. At the convention no one will be able to escape this issue and it will become the central focus of debate."

However, secretary-general Nissim Zvilli said that "this foolish resolution

will not pass the convention. If it does, it will bave a very detrimental effect on Labor's chances to win back the public's confidence and regain support."

The Likud expressed "sorrow at the fact that Labor is so concerned about the Palestinians, instead of working to achieve a broad national consensus in

The NRP reacted by saying that "at this rate, it won't be very long before Labor advocates the redivision of Jerusalem. Meretz leader Yossi Sarid, however, mocked Labor for being "20 years behind

the times.' "This party has an astounding knack for regarding history's rear end, instead of meeting it face-to-face," he said.

Another Labor committee preparing for the convention recommended yesterday that the party move to rescind the direct election of the prime minister. The resolution called on the party to seek to reinstate the previous system, in which the president entrusts one of the elected MKs with putting together a coalition. The only change would be that the president must appoint only the leader of the largest faction; and not the one who might head the largest hloc.

This represents a victory for party chairman Shimon Peres, who had battled against the direct election system.

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### **IDF** demands professor retract 'ass' remark

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

The IDF has demanded that Prof. Ariel Merari of Tel Aviv University apologize for comparing IDF officers to asses tied to a

Last week, Merari allegedly told students in his course on terror and political violence: "Take an ass, tie it to a tree, and after five years, you've got a major."

Merari then joked he hoped

there were no members of the media present. But his quip, made as the class discussed criticism of military officers, was reported this week in Ma'ariv. IDF Spokesman Brig.-Gen.

Oded Ben-Ami, in a statement to the press, sharply protested the

"There is no room for this strange humor as expressed by the professor. It was an unfair blow to IDF officers, and the IDF demands Merari apologize," the statement

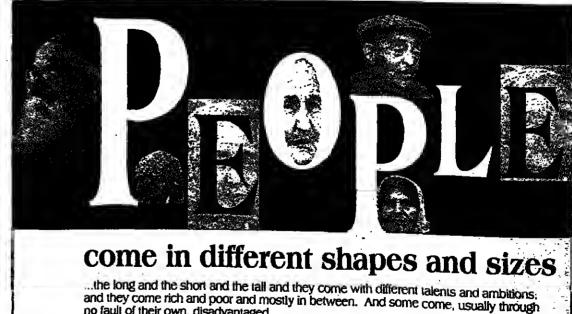
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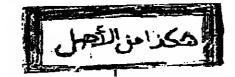
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# Schizophrenic Jaffa man murders wife

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schizophrenic Jaffa man stabled his 35-year-old wife to death in the early hours of yesterday morning, while the couple's two children watched.

The man, who has been hospitalized several times in Bat Yam's Abarbanel Mental Health Center and diagnosed as a schizophrenic, is taking drugs prescribed by a psychiatrist for his condition and has reportedly had violent our-bursts in the past. However, social services sources are now. accusing the Health Ministry's mental health division of failing to report the man's condition and thus possibly preventing the mur-

The tragic incident occurred at around 3 a.m. yesterday at the Jaffa home of Yusuf and Salima Johar. Yusuf Johar, 37, accused his wife of cheating on him and of

being a prostitute and stabbed her eight times with a kitchen knife, in front of the couple's two children, aged 11 and 13.

He then phoned police, saying, "I killed her, the whore." A Magen David Adom physician pronounced Salima Johar dead and Yusuf Johar was arrested. He will appear in Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court this morning, and may be sent for psychiatric observations because of his history of mental illness.

The couple's children are being taken care of by Jaffa social services and relatives until their future is decided.

Social services sources slammed the mental health division yesterday, saying that if they would bave known of Yusuf Johar's condition they would have intervened.

Neighbors of the couple described the Johars as "quiet" and said they had neither witnessed nor heard violent acts in the past.

# Laufer accused of tax evasion

### By RAINE MARCUS

Private investigator Ze'ev Laufer, currently on trial in the media wiretapping case, and who was paid \$600,000 by Ma'ariv to give evidence against Yediot Aharonot, was arrested for alleged tax evasion yesterday.
Laufer, who is charged with 18

counts of wiretapping, allegedly on behalf of Yediot Aharanot. was summoned by Customs and VAT Authorities vesterday morning. He was released on NIS 300,000 bail by a Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court judge later in

Laufer made headlines when it was disclused that Ma'ariv, after receiving the necessary authorization from police and the District Attorney, paid Laufer \$600,000

net from company funds in return for his testimony against Yedior publisher Amon Mozes and the daily's security officer, Haim Rozenberg. According to the agreement between Ma'ariv and Laufer, the former would pay ail taxes and VAT on the sum.

But now, Customs and VAT Authorities are accusing Laufer of failing to pay taxes on what they allege are payments amounting to nearly NIS 4 million gross by Ma'ariv and over NIS Im. by Yedior (the latter for alleged wiretapping services).

Laufer in turn claims that both dailies paid or were supposed to pay VAT on sums he received for

Judge Ruth Ronen also prohibited Laufer from leaving the coun-



Sue Fishkoff

### 'Post' writer wins award

Jerusalem Past feature writer Sue Fishkoff has won the 1996 B'nai B'rith World Center Award for Journalism for a two-part. feature article on Ethiopian Jewry that appeared in the Jerusalem Post Magazine

announced yesterday, Fishkoff wrote about her trip to Ethiopia with a group of teenagers who were visiting their native villages for the first time since immigrating to Israel as children.

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Fishkoff has decided to donate the prize money to the Joint Distribution. Committee's medical clinic m Addis Ababa.

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Fredi Zurin received an honorable mention for her weekly radio program, In the Diaspora, on Reka, Israel Radio's immigrant station.

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# **AACI** to put job listings on Internet

The system, being developed by Ventura Communications and JBM Israel, will link AACI offices with the Internet. The system, which will cost \$250,000 in its affirst year, will enable potential immigrants around the world, new

Yossi van Zwaren, of the Ministry of Science, views Jobnet as a "strategic project to advance

Internet use in Israel." It was only one of seven Internet projects chosen from among 40 proposals to receive matching funds from the ministry. Money was also donated by the Samis Foundation of Seattle, Washington, which aims at

The database "is a natural extension of the internal job database that AACI counsellors have been using for years to help olim," said organization national president Helaine Gerber.

# Diaspora.

### By JUDY STEGEL

A national job database for new immigrants and veteran Israelis -will be launched by mid-May by the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel. Called AACI Israel Jobnet, it will be put on the Internet before Independence Day.

immigrants and long-time Israelis to review jobs available here.

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# No strings attached

Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo takes part in a 'Hartzufim' skit filmed in a Tel Aviv cafe yesterday.

(Gideon Markowicz)

# Purim drinking-related injuries on the rise

### By JUDY SIEGEL

Treating inebriated yeshiva students has become the main chore of Magen David Adom medics and Terem doctors in Jerusalem on Purim, instead of helping children in burning cosmmes or those harmed by foam sprays and explosives. The Jerusalem Post learned yes-

terday that the number of drunken yeshiva students - most of them haredim who took seriously the commandment of imbibing wine until they can't distinguish between "Blessed be Mordechai" and "Cursed be Haman" - was Dr. David Applebaum, founder

and director of the Terem (Emergency Medical Care) clinic at the capital's MDA station, said that numerous yeshiva students in their late teens and early 20s were brought in on Monday night. Most drunks are taken care of by families or friends at home or school, but these had fallen down and suffered cuts or bruises or were vomiting violently, unused to drinking to excess.

nomenon seems to be growing. At

greater this week than in previous the same time, the number of cases of injuries due to children's costumes being set aftre or from cap guns and explosives was negligible this year, apparently due to warnings about these in the

media," he said. Applebaum said that the drunk advance warnings by their rabbis."
yeshiva students, all of whom MDA Jerusalem director were brought in by friends and relatives, needed stitches for injuries, and some were given infusions to dilute the concentration of alcohol in their blood.

When I attended yeshiva in "I have no statistics, but the phe- Chicago," said Applebaum, who is Orthodox, we understood the

mitzva of drinking on Purim as taking in enough to put you to sleep, when you can't distinguish between Mordechai and Haman. But these young men are going too far and out of control. There should be more supervision and

but the patient can always claim it

spilled on bim."

Avraham Halbersberg said his staff had to pick up a number of drunk yeshiva students who fell in the street or who felt unwell in their yeshivot. He said he was not aware of road accidents caused by drunk yeshiva students, but "it's the jub of the police to investigate such cases if someone is burt in an accident, because they have the equipment to test alcohol levels in the blood. We can smell alcohol,

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# **NEWS**

### in brief

### High Court refuses to halt Bar-On probe

The High Court of Justice yesterday rejected a petition from lawyers Shmuel Mintzer and Karmon Mintzer-Dolfin requesting that the police investigation into the Bar-On Affair be stopped and ordered the two to pay court costs of NIS 9,000. The two had argued that the entire affair could not be investigated

because the people involved have immunity. The two petitioners ignored one of the basic rules ... with regard to [appealing to] the judiciary - taking up the matter with all concerned in the relevant authority," the court ruled, after hearing that they had not turned to the state attorney or the attorney-general before they petitioned the court.

### Arbel opposes postponing Deri trial

The State Attorney Edna Arbel's office is opposed to a request from MK Aryeh Deri (Shas) that his trial be postponed by 45 days. Deri claimed that his trial had been affected, inter alia, by his lawyer Dan Avi-Yitzhak's resignation and developments in the Bar-On investigation. He said that it was also necessary to call witnesses from abroad. The State Attorney's Office argued that Deri's lawyers have had sufficient time to get their material organized.

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### Hospital workers declare work dispute

The union of government hospital administrative and maintenance personnel yesterday declared a work dispute over the shortage of 1,500 job slots around the country. The labor unrest follows the resolution of a dispute over salary grades by their counterparts in Kupat Holim Clalit hospitals. Union head Batya Levy told Health Minister Yehoshua Matza that unless their demands are met within two weeks, they will apply sanctions and strike. The shortage of working bands intensifies the problem of working in overcrowded hospital departments, she

### New Jewish university opening in Moscow

Education Minister Zevulun Hammer this week reached agreement with the Russian education minister on the establishment of a new Jewish university in Moscow, the Education Ministry spokesman announced. Hammer is in Moscow for a convention of the Jewish communities there.

Hammer also reached a series of agreements with the Russian culture minister, including joint celebration of Israel's 50th anniversary and 850 years since the founding of Moscow, and a special exhibition in Moscow by the Israel Museum. The Russian culture minister also accepted Hammer's invitation to visit Jerusalem Past Staff

### Schools to study together via the Internet

Israeli and Diaspora youngsters will study together via the Internet in a new program announced this week by Education Minister Zevulun Hammer. Hundreds of schools from Jewish communities abroad and throughout Israel will participate in the project. The pupils will study together topics such as the 100th anniversary of the first Zionist Congress, and preparations for Israel's 50th anniversary. The pupils will ultimately get a chance to meet in person during the summer. The pupils are studying together through a "twin schools" set-up that allows for contact both via electronic mail and video-confer-Jerusalem Post Staff

### Doctor back after being held in Morocco

Prof. Daniel Weinstein, head of the obstetrics unit at Hadassah-University Hospital, was due to return from Morocco yesterday, after being refused permission to leave there for eight days because of a dispute about unpaid convention bills. Weinstein had organized an international convention in

Marrakesh that was attended by 1,000 people from 78 countries, including 120 from Israel. The dispute arose when the hotel claimed some \$100,000 in

unpaid bills from the Moroccan organizers, who then turned to Weinstein and demanded he pay the bill. Weinstein refused, insisting that all the doctors had paid in full when they registered for the convention. The organizers filed a police complaint and got an order preventing him from leaving Morocco.

During a court bearing, bowever, the missing money was "discovered," the complaint was canceled, and Weinstein was allowed to return home.

### Harel slams British deputy FM

Third Way Knesset faction chairman Yehuda Harel, in a letter sent yesterday to British Ambassador David Manning, slammed Britain's deputy foreign minister for saying that Israeli products produced in Jerusalem should be boycotted. He said such a move could result in a counter-boycott of British goods by both Israelis and world Jewry. Harel also called on Foreign Minister David Levy to send a strong protest to the British government, and said he would raise the matter in the Knesset. Jerusalem Post Staff

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### Ross's return

ing to town again, a sure sign the peace process is in trouble. Crises have a rhythm to them, and Ross seems to have waited until this one is at its peak, ripe for resolution. A major landmark in this particular crisis will be on Sunday, when Arafat's Fatah movement has decided to piggyback on Land Day, marking 21 veurs since six Israeli Arabs were killed by Israeli soldiers putting down a protest of a land expropriation in the Galilee.

In recent years, Land Day has passed relatively quietly, turning into more of a holiday for the Israeli Arah community than a day of strikes and protests. This year, bowever, Fatah plans a series of marches and "powerful" demonstrations on what it is designating "Palestine Day" in Judea. Samaria and Gaza.

Fatah head Marwan Barghouti claims that these protests will be 'peaceful," but when asked whether "peaceful" included throwing stones, he said "Yes, Including stones. I don't think that stones are violence. It is peaceful to throw stones."

Perhaps this is the problem. Israelis just don't understand that violence is peace and peace is violence. If only Israelis would accept the fact that violence is peace, then they could live in peace forever. Peace would no longer be a distant dream, but just a stone's throw away.

It is at this point that most Israelis naturally ask themselves, is this a peace process, or some kind of Orwellian nightmare?

It was one thing, perhaps, when, last September, the Palestinians resorted to violence before Binyamin Netanyahu's government had proven that it would continue on the Oslo track. But since then Israel has been fulfilling its

obligations under Oslo like clockwork; it redeployed from most of Hebron, released Palestinian women prisoners, and tried to implement the first of three further redeployments on schedule.

The current crisis arises from the Palestinian demand that Israel go beyond Oslo in two respects: freeze all building in eastern Jerusalem (and in Judea and Samaria), and increase the area of the first redeployment from the proposed 9 percent to something like 30 percent of the territory.

There is no basis for the Palestinian claim that Oslo requires either of these steps. Yet Arafat has clearly lifted impediments to violence Ross whose name appears on the Note for the against Israel in response. Even Ross admits Record, demand that Arafat live up to his side of that Arafat, if not giving a "green light" to ter- the bargain.

merican mediator Dennis Ross is com- ror, has not given a "red light." In September Israelis learned that if Oslo was not continued, the Palestinians would claim that they had no choice but to resort to violence. Now Israelis are to understand that abiding by Oslo is not enough - Israel must abide hy the Palestinian interpretation of Oslo, however unfounded, or there will be violence.

In short, Israel must not only implement Oslo but go beyond it, while the Palestinians are not bound by the only real commitment they made under Oslo - the commitment to renounce and combat violence.

At each stage of the process, that Palestinian commitment bas been reiterated in greater detail as if it was not fully understood and needed to be spelled out - but to no avail. The repeated restatements of this commitment have been about as effective as talking louder when someone doesn't understand the language you are speaking.

The latest restatement was signed just 10 weeks ago by our regular visitor, Dennis Ross. The Note for the Record ostensibly reflected the agreement of Israelis and Palestinians on a road map for progress in the near term. Since then Israel has, like a good boy, scrupulously implemented the "responsibilities" on its side of the ledger.

The list of "Palestinian responsibilities" reads, in part: "2. Fighting terror and preventing violence a) Strengthening security cooperation; b) Preventing incitement and hostile propaganda ...; c) Combat systematically and effectively terrorist organizations and infrastructure; d) Apprehension, prosecution and punishment of terrorists; e) Requests for transfer of suspects will be acted upon ...; f) Confiscation of illegal firearms."

Today this list reads like a bad joke. In practice, the Palestinians have acted on none of commitments in the Note for the Record, which were to be dealt with "immediately and in parallel." If anything, the Palestinians are further from implementing these commitments today than the day they were made.

Before the Hebron agreement, Arafat was fond of saying, "I am not asking for the moon; I am only asking for wbat bas been signed upon." He may not bave been asking for the moon then, but he is now: He is asking for Israel to go beyond an agreement which be has ripped to sbreds. Now it is Israel that is not asking for the moon - only that Dennis Ross, the very Dennis

# A call for permanent closure

id we really need another reminder that potential murderers are walking the streets of our cities?

Did we not know that there are hundreds, maybe thousands, of potential suicide bombers among the Palestinian population in Judea and Samaria and Gaza?

Did we not know that when over 100,000 Palestinians work in manual labor in the Israeli economy, it is more than likely that some of them are potential suicide bombers, while others, who have no permits for work in Israel, can easily immerse themselves in this mass of workers and move freely in Israel seeking targets for their murderous schemes's

Did we not know that thousands of Palestinians who have no work permits nevertheless find employment in Israel, while many of those with work permits flout the requirement that they return to their homes each evening?

Was it not clear that this situation creates a constant danger to the citizens of Israel - men, women, and children?

And nevertheless, except for short intermissions after each act of terror, when a closure of the territories has been ritually imposed for a few days or weeks, we allow this mortal danger to invade our cities in the vain bope that it will not strike. What can possibly justify this recklessness? A number of arguments are put forth to justify utilizing Palestinian workers in the Israeli economy:

Do I lack madmen, that ye have

Exploration of Eretz Yisrael and

its Antiquities held its 11th

Congress at Ramat Rabel in

Jerusalem, as it did - and has done

every year. Hundreds of people assembled

excitedly on the outskirts of the

kihbutz to hear a fascinating lec-

ture, delivered by Prof. Ya acov

Pinkerfeld, on the remains of the

synagogue that had just been

Meanwhile, opposite the kib-

excavated there.

L, 21:16).

MOSHE ARENS

First, that some branches of our economy are dependent on cheap manual labor, and that this kind of labor is readily available among the Palestinian population of Judea, Samaria, and Gaza.

Second, that preventing Palestinians from earning their livelihood in Israel will damage the Palestinian economy, and the

There are many good reasons why Israel should in any case learn to get along without imported lahor, utilizing its own labor force, except for requirements of a temporary nature.

This may put some labor-intensive activities out of business and increase the cost of certain other economic activities, but it is prob-

Cheap labor for Israel's economy is too high a price to pay for having potential murderers roam our streets

resulting distress will breed frustration and anger among the Palestinians, providing fertile ground for the recruitment of ter-

Third, that the closure cannot be implemented hermetically, so that those intent on carrying out acts of terrorism will in any case be able to infiltrate into Israel.

On closer inspection, these arguments are found to have only limited validity.

THAT Palestinian workers can be replaced by other foreign workers bas been convincingly demon-strated in recent years. The price differential is not significant, and is certainly not worth the risk incurred by the use of Palestinian

ably well worth the cost in terms of the resulting benefits to Israeli society; and it will be good for the structure of the economy in the long run.

It is true that the Palestinian economy is dependent to a considerable extent on the income of Palestinians working in Israel and that, therefore, closing Israel to these workers would have a negative effect on the standard of living in Judea, Samaria, and

The resulting disaffection might bring new recruits for Hamas and Islamic Jihad suicide squads - but it seems that the frequency of these acts of murder is limited by logistic factors, rather than by the number of candidates prepared to undertake these missions. There seem to be more than enough candidates.

As for the Palestinian economy, it is high time that rich Arab countries such as Saudi Arabia and Kuwait utilized Palestinian workers in their economies, and that the European countries, always eager to remind Israel of its responsibilities, played their part. Employing Palestinian workers

constitutes no danger to them. The welfare of the Palestinian population is certainly in Israel's interest, but it cannot justify allowing people intent on murder

to walk the streets of our cities. Closing Israel to the entry of Palestinians is neither easy, cheap, nor foolproof. Entry from Gaza, the primary center of terrorist infrastructure, can be restricted with greater ease than entry from Judea and Samaria.

However, once Palestinians workers no longer frequent Israel's cities, once the lone terrorist that has succeeded in infiltrating can no longer camouflage himself among a mass of Palestinian workers, the probability of suicide bombers carrying out their designs will decrease considerably.

The chance that a permanent closure will make it a great deal more difficult to carry out acts of terrorism in Israel seems well worth the cost and the penalties incurred.

The writer is a former defense

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Naharavim once more remind us of the volatile nature of the region we live in. While there does not seem to be much that can be done to stop rogue individuals, theirs and ours, stabilizing the general situation would greatly reduce these acts of terrorism. By stahilization, in the Israeli/Palestinian context, I mean the creation of a situation with which the majorities on both sides can live. This, basically, was the aim of the previous government. A large part of its efforts was to create a suitable psychological climate. Rahin and Peres. unlike Netanyahu, knew how to do this.

The opening of the Western Wall tunnel exit and now Har Homa are examples of heavyhanded actions which, while kosher in a strictly legal sense, were and are disasters.

Har Homa was never part of Jerusalem. It was included in the

Sir, - The senseless killings at Jerusalem municipal boundaries by a unilateral redrawing of the map. The decision to build there now was also unilateral, and while again legal, meant riding roughshod over the feelings and wishes of our Palestinian neighbors.

In general, our actions vis-à-vis the Palestinians are nothing to be proud of. For example, when an Arah terrorist murders a Jew, his village, or town, is placed under curfew. But when Baruch Goldstein murdered dozens of Arabs, it was Arah Hebron which was placed under curfew. We now have a prime minister

who, because of his overriding ambition to reach the top, promised everything to everybody. The reality of the world today, not to mention the opposing agendas of his various constituencies, put him in a no-win situation. He has angered those who voted for him to the point that some are in open rebellion against birn. He has man-

months to undo most of the achievements of the previous government in creating trust and understanding with the president of the US, kings Hussein and Hassan of Morocco, and with the rulers of a number of Arab states. On the home front, his government is husy scrapping social achievements, such as improving, however slightly, education and the lot of the aged and disadvantaged. Improvements in the development towns are being sacrificed for the benefit of settlements and the ever-increasing appenie of the leaders of the haredi parties.

aged in the short space of eight

In view of this mess, there is only one honorable thing to do for Netanyahu: resign. He should restate his program - a program that can be implemented - and go to the people. However, I fear that he is not man enough to do this. PETER M. LAHAV Jerusalem.

Sir, - I bristle with resentment every time I hear the canard that the Har Homa building site is situated in Arab East Jerusalem. Har Homa is, in fact, a largely uninhabited hillock that is most-

HAR HOMA the southernmost limits of the city far from so-called East Jerusalem.

Equally irritating is the deliberate misstatement that Har Homa lies in occupied territory when it actually is in liberated

land that had been first captured hy invading Jordanian and Egyptian forces in 1948 and recovered by Israel 19 years

ly Jewish-owned and located in Sir. - As a tribute to those seven youngsters hrutally murdered, 1

Sir. - Tzahi Hanegbi is wrong.

Yasser Arafat should not be exiled

to Tunis if he gives the green light

Sure, it is discomfiting for us if

Arafat. frustrated as a result of a

Arah countries and even to the US

and the UN for political support

against Israel. Arguably, however,

it is a legitimate - if, to us, irritat-

ing - ploy to use in order to attain

leverage in negotiations with Israel

But directing - or even legit-

to redress the imbalance he feels.

on trial for murder.

### THE SO-CALLED PEACE PROCESS Co.)? Nothing has happened to

Seven Treasures"). When this so-called "peace would like to suggest that you process" first got underway, I told my friends it would not work. Can name the new housing project in Jerusalem: Shevo Otzaroi ("The we ever satisfy them (Arafat &

### **PLAIN MURDER**

maiming of Israeli men, women and children in order to attain his to acts of terror which result in the ends is not legitimate. Nor is indideath of Israelis. He should be put cating to Palestinians it is OK to throw stones and fire bombs at Jews in order to attain "peace." Pussyfooting protests and hat-inweak bargaining position, turns to hand entreaties to please return to the negotiating table have clearly demonstrated to Arafat that he has come up with a winning formula for solving every negotiating impasse with Israel: hint to Israel that if he does not get his way.

later in 1967. JACK CARLIN Jerusalem.

change my viewpoint. Harare, Zimbabwe.

imizing - terror, the killing and enraged Hamas suicide bombers might decide to kill a few Jews

and Palestinian Fatah youth could be inspired to return to the streets. By putting murderers and those who send them on trial and, if they

are found guilty, punishing them to the fullest extent of the law, we will be putting the Palestinians on notice: If you want to negotiate peace, we are ready. But murder is not a legitimate negotiating means. And no one is above the law. Killing innocent civilians is murder, no matter what the murderer's goals and no matter who the murderer or the one who sends him is.

MICHAEL KAUFMAN

### YOSSI SHOVAL

madman in my presence? (Samuel of an itinerant circus, figuring in many shooting incidents, firing Back in 1956, during the intermediate days of Succot, the Society for the into Jerusalem's Old City from ahove its walls prior to 1967, as well as on Israeli settlements.

In the recent killing of schoolgirls as they visited "Peace Island" at Naharayim, the murderer was again immediately tagged does not die; he just changes his nationality. In 1985, at Ras Burka in the

Sinai, he was Egyptian. Appearing out of the blue, he calmly took the lives of a group of Israeli vacationers. But be was "deranged," so what could anyone

### Want to kill without being a murderer? Make sure you're classified as 'deranged'

The comfortable alternative

"a deranged Jordanian soldier" on both sides of the River Jordan. How easy, how convenient, how

butz, some 300m. away in an comfortable for politicians, punarmy outpost in Jordanian-condits, and others not affected. trolled territory near the Mar Elias monastery (next to Har Homa), Jordanian troops were getting ready to open fire at congress participants. In the space of a few minutes.

they wounded 60 people and killed four, including my father. It's unfortunate, of course, and I was just a boy in Jerusalem, but I clearly remember how this coldblooded act in which soldiers of the Jordanian Legion used archeology huffs for target practice, was

widely termed "deranged." The "deranged soldier" has made his appearance regularly over the decades, like a member

Murder is terrible, unacceptable; but it is much more bearable if we can say that the perpetrator was "mad." And how comforting for the families; the killer was driven, not by wicked intention, oh no - merely by madness.

very bad luck for those who happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time, but when someone is "mad," you cannot attach any real hlame to what they do. The terrible irony, bowever, is

that though their victims are gone forever, just like any other murder victims, the "deranged soldier"

As President Muharak commented afterwards, "It's a small

To even things up a bit, Israeli soldier Noam Friedman took great pains, even though "deranged," to reload his weapon as he executed his attack on Arab passersby in

And I assume that had Baruch Goldstein of unblessed memory remained alive and in our midst. he too would now be "deranged."

When a man dons army uniform and picks up a weapon, it seems he is very prone to derangement like the soldier who murdered his father, and the one who killed bis wife on return from reserve duty.

IF a person shoots himself, one may claim that he is mad; but if be

When King Hussein came to Hadassah Hospital on March 16 to visit the surviving schoolgirls and their teacher who had been shot at by the Jordanian soldier at

Naharayim, I shook his hand, like

shoots at others and kills them, he

everyone else. What did I feel? In truth, I was too busy doing my job to think very much about anything else.

But a day or two later, I contemplated the link that ties my family to those schoolgirls, to the Ras Burka victims, and back through the decades to all the others at wbom the "deranged soldier" has taken aim.

And I am grateful to be able to say that I have never felt any hatred either for Jordanians, or any other Arabs. I am free of such malignancy.

Losing my father so early in life at the hands of a Jordanian mirderer did not crush my faith in people's essential striving for peaceful coexistence. I support the Oslo process, and accept all

Arabs as my equal. What I utterly condemn, however. is the easy affixing by politicians and other interested parties - and sometimes even the media - of the label "deranged soldier" to whitewash murder, plain and simple.

The writer is a senior publicrelations director.

### POSTSCRIPTS

VANCOUVER man won CAN\$246,500 (US\$182,600) in damages after his doctor misdiag-nosed an apparent case of the flu as terminal cancer.

David McBeth, a 55-year-old former ship fitter from Vancouver. was told hy Dr. Werner Boldt in 1991 that he suffered from a rare bone marrow cancer. McBeth was put on an experimental cancer drug that resulted in rasbes,

weight loss and other side effects. After further testing a year later, it was discovered McBeth never had the disease. Evidence presented at the trial showed Boldt did not follow standard testing procedures when he made the original diagnosis.

McBeth said he had suffered

great distress because he believed

he was dying. "I was just devastat-ed. I didn't know what to feel," he

"While McBeth's original sickness was not confirmed, all the complaints he had were typical symptoms of the flu and there was no explanation offered [in court] that it was something other than the flu," his lawyer said.

"PHIL-LIT," an Internet newsletter for philosophy and literary. criticism professors, has named the winners of its bad writing contest. First place went to a single sentence from Roy Bhaskar's Plato Etc.: The Problems of Philosophy and Their Resolution. (The jacket blurb says it is Bhaskar's "most accessible book to date."

The winning sentence:
"Indeed dialectical critical realism may be seen under the aspect of Foucauldian strategic reversal -

of the unholy trinity of Parmenidean/Platonic/Aristotelea n provenance; of the Cartesian-Lockean-Humean Kantian paradigm, of foundationalisms (in practice, fideistic foundationalisms) and irrationalisms (in practice, capricious exercises of the will-to-power or some other ideologically and/or psychosomatically buried source) new and old alike, of the primordial failing of western philosophy, ontological monovalence, and its close ally, the epistemic fallacy with its ontic dual; of the analytic

problematic laid down by Plato, which Hegel served only to replicate in his actualist monovalent analytic reinstatement in transfigurative reconciling dialectical connection, while in his buhristic claims for absolute idealism he inaugurated the Comtean, Kierkegaardian and Nietzschean eclipses of reason, replicating the fundaments of positivism through its transmutation route to the

superidealism of a Baudrillard." This is difficult enough to read; try to imagine how tough it was to type - and proofread. (Saturday Night / Word Watching)

ONE OF OUR agents out there sponed the bumper sticker "Yesha zeh kan" (The territories are

lt wouldn't really be worth mentioning except that the slogan was seen on a car in New York. Whoa, there! Has the concept of Greater Israel expanded? Like, maybe now we're looking at everything from the Tigris to the Hudson, including that lake in

Brad Rodgers is a dark-eyed brunette who wants to be the first male Miss Australia.

The 27-year-old department store manager will compete against more than a dozen females' in the national final for the Miss Australia beauty contest in February.

Rodgers became the first man selected for the final in the contest's 42-year-old history when he was named "Miss-Victoria" Fundraiser." He carned his place as a contestant after be raised more than AUS\$100,000 for the organization's favorite

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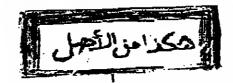
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cbarity. Dressed in a tuxedo rather than the traditional ball gown, Rodgers said he was glad to ead the female dominance of the

"I'm not here to make a political statement for blokes, but I do hope I'll be the first of many more to come," he said

In the past men have been specifically barred from the contest, but organizers say they venow had a change of heart.



# Arafat's 'Jerusalem now'

S Secretary of State Albright, talking privately with members of Congress. reportedly said that faced with the current crisis with the Palestinians, Binyamin Netanyahu should set up a national unity government. Very likely someone passed Albright's view onto Jerusalem.

Netanyahu appeared in no hurry to act on this advice, but the administration unwittingly helped create national unity else-

where - in the Palestinian camp. Yasser Arafat's reception in the White House and his meetings in the State Department earlier this month led him to believe he could risk uniting the Palestinian rank and file with Oslo's Islantic opponents, who are for continuing the "armed struggle." And he received the impression that he no longer needed Israel's recom-

mendation to get US aid. Arafat sensed he had the administration's respect, and saw it as even willing to sanction "unusual" measures aimed at allowing the Gazan in the street to let off steam. The US assumed, wrongly, that Palestinian anger could be vented via protest, obviating terror. Hence its raising no objection to Arafat's international

conference in Gaza. However, Arafat then interpreted what the Americans told him in a way radically different from what they had intended. When he got back from Washington, he met with the leaders of Hamas, Islamic Jihad, and other opposition groups, and indicated they could "let off steam" via terror.

The Palestinian Authority's threats of force against the bull-dozers on Har Homa, and Arafat's successes in the international offensive against the construction actually helped escalate the violence. And Arafat let the terror groups know that, unlike after last year's wave of attacks, there would be no severe punishment.

Getting this "amber light," Palestinians took to the streets of Hebron and Bethlehem, stoning and firebombing IDF soldiers; and Ibrahim Makadmeh, the Hamas leader newly released from Arafar's jail, screamed out

**MOSHE ZAK** 

to Gaza crowds of forthcoming attacks inside Israel - at just around the time his emissary was choosing his table in Tel Aviv's Apropo cafe.

With Palestinian popular support for Hamas operations arous-ing envy within Arafat's Fatah, the spiral of serror will widen.

The US believed it could cool things down by appeasing Arafai, ignoring intelligence reports about his encouraging terror, and by publicly calling on Israel to halt the buttdozers on Har Homa.

**Dennis Ross hopes** to restart the talks, but he has

reckoned without

the PLO leader lts mistake was seeing Har Homa as the pivot of the crisis, and assuming that an Arafat-

Netanyahu meeting would calm things down. It didn't realize that the prob-, lem lay in the date of March 17, when final status talks were scheduled to resume. And it didn't think how Oslo had simply swept under the rug the huge gap between the sides on Jerusalem, the right of return, and the perma-

THE quarrel between Arafat and his opposition was not over Jerusalem. All agreed that it should be capital of a Palestinian

nent status of the territories.

The quarrel was over tactics. The opposition didn't see eye to eye with Arafat on postponing the armed struggle for Jerusalem until Israel had handed over most of the territories.

Arafat wanted to exploit the interim period to build up the economic and military infrastructure of his state, but his plans went awry. The IDF's withdrawal from parts of Judea and Samaria were delayed.

While some Israelis hoped that the interim period would engender an atmosphere that would make the Palestinians more conciliatory over Jerusalem, the Palestinians doubted it. They knew exactly where Jerusalem figured in their plans.

When the date for final status negotiations approached, the "battle for Jerusalem" drew nearer and direct terror lurked in the background. But then the timetable of Israeli withdrawals became modified, and Arafat thought he could activate terror

by "remote control.

But he is gradually losing control of the situation, carried along on the crest of the wave of popular protest he started, and pushed international conferences to break off relations with Israel even before he gets more territo-

The possibility of a real crisis panicked the Americans into sending special envoy Dennis Ross to Rabat in Morocco to persuade Arafat to meet with Netanyahu and thus ease ten-

sion. But since the present crisis was not caused by Har Homa but by Arafat's desire to bring the Jerusalem issue to the fore, the package deal Ross is bringing to the region is like a tranquilizer

after a heart attack. Some Israelis Jerusalem could be spun out for two more years, until the end of final status negotiations, but Arafat's provocative speeches at the Islamic conference showed otherwise. He wanted Jerusalem discussed, and he wanted it discussed amid threats and violence.

It is no accident that the violent student-IDF clashes erupted in Bethlehem, just south of Jerusalem, and in Ramallah, just north of it. Arafat is using the road to Jerusalem to mold the Arab consensus, while trying to

split the Israeli one. Israel and the US must tell him that this maneuver won't work, that he cannot twist our arm on Jerusalem.

The writer, o veteron journalist, comments on current offoirs.

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# Who is above suspicion?

In the light of this week's High Court decision, it appears that Elyakim Rubinstein will be the first attorney-general in Israel's history to be obliged to undergo a lie-detector test upon commencing his service.

His immediate predecessor, Roni Bar-On, who served for only one day, did not take the test. And Michael Ben-Yair was tested only a few months before his resignation.

Rubinstein, despite his principled opposition to the polygraph, declared upon his appointment that he would accept the decision of the cabinet committee the government designated to examine the issue. It goes without saying that he will accept the decision of the court, even though it conceded that the test is an infringement of personal privacy.

The court was not prepared to accept the argument that for Rubinstein, veteran of a quartercentury of public service of the most sensitive nature, an electronic inquisition would be, from the point of view of security and con-

fidentiality, at best irrelevant. It could be worse. In the US state of Georgia, urine tests are required of all public servants.

There are good reasons, of course, that the results of liedetector tests are not admissible in evidence. Nevertheless, State Comptroller Miriam Ben-Porat believes they have value, if used judiciously. The police seem to bave their doubts.

In any event, there has been no suggestion that lie-detector tests be used in investigating the Bar-On appointment. It is difficult to believe that this is because credibility isn't an issue. Nor can it be because the police are going easy on the individuals involved, as the marathon interrogation of Justice

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from experience.

A decade later, in the Bus 300

Odd that the credibility of the attorney-general isn't taken for granted, while that

Affair, a Justice Ministry committee - which included the present

Shamir underwent lie-detector

of the police is

state attorney, Edna Arbel issued a public report that rejected the assertion of Avraham Shalom, head of the General Security Service, that he acted on the directive of prime minister Yitzhak Shamir in ordering the killing of two captured terrorists. Again, neither Shalom nor

No one appears to have suggested - let alone required - that police investigators take liedetector tests to reveal the source of the leaks to the press in the course of the Bar-On investiga-

**ALLAN E. SHAPIRO** 

Minister Hanegbi demonstrates. Perhaps the police have learned

Twenty years ago, at the direction of prime minister Yitzhak Rabin, the police were given the job of finding out who had leaked the Amoco Memorandum dealing with drilling rights of the Egyptian-American company in the Gulf of Suez, to the press. At that time, Shimon Peres and others refused to submit to lie-detec-

privacy - is unlimited.

begins to evaluate the results of the police investigation in the Bar-On affair. There is the clear hint that no

As an appointee to high public office, Elyakim Rubinstein, so the High Court declared, enjoys no special privileges. As anomeygeneral, he has a large measure of

concrete realities. The office of attorney-general is founded on the conviction that discretion and impartiality can go

The High Court has done its job. Now Rubinstein must do his.

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By an odd twist, the police seem to be the heirs of the older tradition in which public trust substitutes for formal rules to ensure the norms of public service.

polygraph to detect the source of leaks to the press would seem to make sense. There is, after all, a specific subject under investigation. The range of interrogation, therefore, is clearly circumscribed. Not so when the lie detector is used as a test of character or credibility. Since there is no specific subject of investigation, the investigator would have to decide for himself what is relevant. The range of possible avenues of investigation - and of possible infringement of personal

With all its drawbacks, this week's High Court decision carries a positive message for the new attorney-general, as he

exemption from the rules attaches to high public office. Either change the rules, the court declared, or apply them impartial-

discretion in applying rules to

The writer is a legal and politi-

Recognize what's already there The stewardess on the plane returning to Israel comes On the face of it, the use of the around with the customs

and police forms that have to be filled in by anyone not holding an Israeli passport. The couple sitting in the seats behind me ask whether they have to fill in these forms. They are, they claim, holders of the new Palestinian Authority travel documents. Intrigued. I ask to see these documents. They are identical in every respect to Israeli passports, with two small exceptions. The cover of the passport is green,

> and it bears the words "The Palestinian Authority." The stewardess on the Swissair flight is at a loss to answer. She suggests that the couple fill in the forms, if it is later proved to have been unnecessary, they can always be discarded. This, she assures them, is preferable to not filling them in, then later holding people

instead of the Israeli dark blue,

behind them up while they are asked to do so. On our arrival in Israel, there is segregation. Israeli passport holders can move quickly through their own line, while foreign passport holders have to go through the regular, and often stringent, security checks.

I am intrigued to see what will happen to my Palestinian fellow travelers. What line will they stand in? Will their Palestinian "passports' be accepted as such, or will the couple be asked to produce travel documents which are recognized by the Israeli authorities? I am ashamed to admit that, as is

so often the case, practical concerns win out over satisfying curiosity. I rush through the line.

### DAVID NEWMAN

look for my bags, and race for the customs in a burry to get home.

And I admit it. I am always embarrassed when I see the treatment afforded all Palestinians entering the country, contrasted with the way bona fide Israeli

passport holders are handled. Women, children and the elderly

more, rather than less, complicat-

In the past, residents of the territories relied on the Israeli postal service, and used Israeli stamps. Today, the Israeli postal authorities no longer operate within the autonomy areas. Palestinians

wishing to send letters abroad

The symbols of Palestinian statehood are In place, a sign of reality

are all subjected to rigorous security checks and interrogations. when all they want to do is get home to their families, like the rest of us.

The following day, I receive an interesting package in the mail. A Palestinian acquaintance bas sent me the two new Palestinian stamps which have been issued by the Palestinian Authority. My son will be delighted. He will have two stamps which none of his friends have in their collec-

tions The stamps are interesting. One bears the image of Chairman Arafat: the other has as its background a picture of Al-Aksa Mosque in Jerusalem.

But the stamps are, at the moment, only recognized by the Palestinian Authority. You can send a letter from Gaza to Ramallah, or from Hebron to Jenin - but that's as far as it goes. Sending a letter from the West Bank to Israel, or to any other point on the globe, has become have to find a way of bringing their letters into Israel and having

THE existence, if limited use, of the passports and the stamps highlight the fact that while the Palestinians are creating all the symbols of statehood - they already have a flag, an anthem and an armed militia -Israel still refuses to recognize the Palestinian autonomy areas as anything but an "entity," something undefined but not, as far as Israel is concerned, a state

them sent on from here.

But whatever the eventual territorial configuration, the Palestinian entity will formally be recognized as a state. When the time comes and the Palestinians apply for full UN membership, it is obvious that there will be an overwhelming international vote in favor of recognizing the de jure sovereignty of

the Palestinian state. The debate over Palestinian statehood is now part of the accepted discourse within Israel. Statehood has been implicitly rec-

ognized by such right-wing hawks as Minister Ariel Sharon and Binyamin Netanyahu's senior adviser, David Bar-Illan.

Contrary to yesterday's assertions by the prime minister that not every nation "necessarily requires statchood," the past 10 years have witnessed a proliferation of new nation-states throughout the world, particularly in Central and Eastern Europe.

And what is modern Israel if not a fairly young nation-state on the world political scene? We were successful in achieving our selfdetermination; can we stop others

from achieving theirs? It is no longer the debate over the existence of a Palestinian entity/state that is important, therefore, but the way this entity/state

Will it threaten Israel, or will it

act correctly, cooperating with us the way a good neighbor does? In short, can we function side by side without each society feeling threatened by the other? Will economic and other links so essential to regional stability be allowed to flourish, superseding political tension, or will enmity continue?

Stamps and travel documents may seem minor points of contention, but it is they, together with the flag, the anthem and the militia, that symbolize more than anything else the normalcy and potential stability one looks for at the end of the arduous search for peace in this troubled region.

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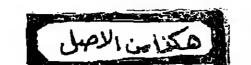
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# More cult suicides expected

ZURICH (Reuter) - The apparent mass suicide of 39 people whose purple-shrouded corpses were found lying in a California mansion seems to have extended a macabre string of ritual selfdestruction by cult members.

Police probing the bizarre case declined to speculate on whether the victims belonged to a religious computer sect, as neighbors suggested, but cult experts said yesterday it bore the hallmarks of a fringe group's collective self-anni-

"I would not say this is a pattern that is becoming more common necessarily, but I do believe we are going to see more and more deaths as time goes by," said lan Howarth, head of the London-based Cult Information Center.

"Because we are finding more and more cults, there will always be those where the leadership may well be quite mad and decide through some sort of paranoid reaction to so something extreme like this and take the people with them," he added.

"The potential for what hap-

cult. It is just up to the leader." Charismatic cult leaders intent on bending followers to their will have already shown the lethal power they can exert.

"People have this idea that cults recruit people who are lost, searching, gullible individuals who are probably not very intelligent," Howarth said.

"In fact, they are very intelligent. They are usually well educated people from middle to upper-class family backgrounds and people with high ideals," he said, citing reports that the California victims were high-level computer pro-

Doomsday prophet Luc Jouret, head of the Swiss-based Renewed Order of the Solar Temple, was blamed for the deaths of 53 of his followers in Switzerland and Canada.

Five more believers in the Temple - an international sect that believes death by ritualized suicide leads to rebirth in a place called "Sirius" - killed themselves in Canada last week, bringing the

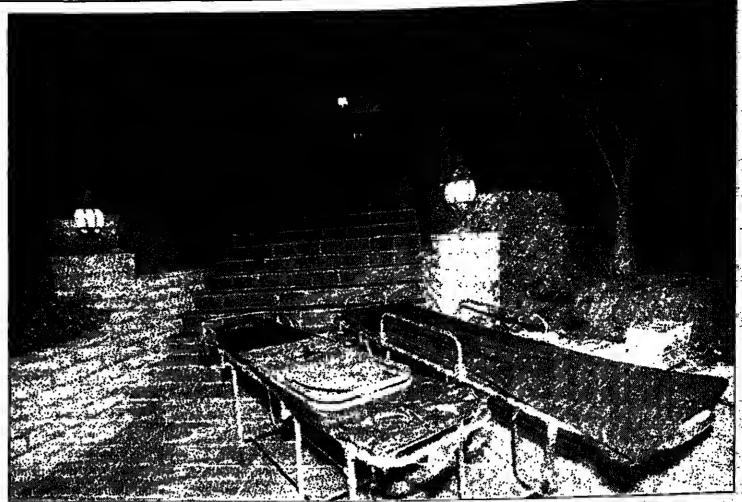
their families to 74.

In 1993, David Koresh, self-proclaimed Son of God, gathered his Branch Davidian followers in a compound in Waco, Texas, and sent at least 70 men, women and children to their deaths in a fiery shoot-out with government agents.

Jim Jones led 913 followers into the Guyana jungle and persuaded them to commit mass suicide by drinking cyanide-laden Kool-Aid in 1978. He told them they were going to heaven.

In Japan, members of the quasi-Buddhist Aum Shinrikyo sect are accused of a 1995 sarin nerve gas attack on the Tokyo subway in which 11 people died and 5,000 were injured. Mexican police blamed a minis-

ter's fervent belief in God for his death and that of 29 followers who suffocated in 1991 when he told them to keep praying and ignore toxic fumes filling their church. Ramon Morales Almazan shouted at his followers to remain calm as they began to choke, vomit and



Stretchers wait outside a Californian mansion where 39 suicide victims were found on Wednesday.

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# **NYC** police find nerve gas container

NEW YORK (AP) - Police as was loosed in Tokyo subways have found more than 750 liters of possibly hazardous materials, including a container labeled "sarin," a deadly nerve gas, in a home in an expensive neighbor-hood of the Queens borough of New York City.

Two containers in the house also were marked "radioactive" but tests revealed no signs of radioactivity, reports said in Newsday and The New York Times. quoting unidentified sources.

A search of the house in the Douglaston neighborhood was conducted after officers arrested Lester Deily, 52, and charged him with reckless endangerment and willfully possessing a noxious chemical, police said.

Police did not immediately confirm whether the container with a hand-printed "sarin" label actually held the same kind of nerve gas peacefully.

two years ago, killing 12 people and injuring thousands.

Police searchers found "300 liters of gas, 750 liters of other highly flammable liquids, and two other canisters, including one labeled 'sarin' and one of compressed air," said a police spokesman, Jerry Varson.

About 300 people from 100 homes nearby bomes were evacuated as a precantion but were allowed back at about 4 a.m., Varson said.

Police said they were tipped off to the stash by employees of Hewlett-Packard, who went to the Queens home seeking payment of a \$69,000 bill.

The Daily News said Deily barricaded bimself inside the house and stood off police from about I p.m. to early evening, then was taken into custody

# Russian wage protest falls short of expectations

angry protesters braved freezing temperatures in Russia's two biggest cities yesterday to call on the government to quit, and demand speedy payment of overdue wages and pen-

But the turnout in Moscow and in St Petersburg - and in other cities across the world's biggest country - was well below the 20 million forecast by trade union organizers. Marchers were mostly resigned rather than aggressive and there were no reports of trou-

"How long will the working people suffer to please the IMF and mafiosi capital?" asked Mikhail Nogaitsev, a senior official with the Moscow trade union organization. "We need

MOSCOW (Reuter) - Tens of thousands of iobs, persions, wages and social benefits." It was frosty and sunny in Moscow but 40,000 demonstrators in St Petersburg's Palace Square had to contend with heavy snow. Local radio said factories had started pay-

ing wage arrears at 3 p.m. — just when the speeches got under way.

Trade unions, backed by Russia's communist opposition, had organized the strikes and demonstrations to protest at wage arrears of over 50 trillion roubles (\$8.8 billion), includ-

ing 10 trillion from the state. Millions of workers have not been paid for months, unable to afford the goods now crowding the shelves of once-empty shops. Police across Russia reported tens of thou-

sands of marchers and unions said hundreds

of thousands were on strike. But many strikers come from plants that are already idie and it was hard to say how many people were actively joining the protests. "The Far East and Siberia have effective-

ly expressed no-confidence in the government," Communist Party leader Gennady Zyuganov told reporters as he joined the main Moscow rally. "Changes in the government have con-

vinced no one. This march is going from (the Pacific city of) Vladivostok to Kaliningrad (on the Baltic) and no one can stop it." Many marchers called on President Boris Yeltsin and his new government to quit.

This is a political strike. We are going to pass a motion of no confidence in the presi-

dent," said a defence worker in the industrial and high-technology city of Novosibiasis, three time zones and 3,000 km east of Moscow. Police said up to 20,000 people had marched in the city, which has a population of

The protests are the first test for Russia's... new cabinet, named over recent weeks, Unions had forecast 20 million people would

turn out, including over 100,000 in Moscow. The demonstrations will give an outlet to frustrations which have built up in the six years of economic reform - a painful process which has opened a yawning gulf between rich and poor.

Ministers have promised to resolve the crisis as quickly as possible.

# Zaire gov't, rebels to meet

LOME, Togo (AP) - Zaire's rebels and representatives from the govemment they are trying to topple will meet face-to-face in the coming days, probably in South Africa, a rebel official said yesterday.

They have decided to be serious and meet us," Bizima Karaha, the rebel's foreign affairs strategist, said at the conclusion of a two-day summit of 15 African leaders in this West African capital. But Karaha expressed some wariness about the planned meeting: "We

don't trust them much because they are known for making promises they don't keep." The summit ended with a declaration calling for "a cease-fire and a complete cessation of hostilities" as well as for immediate talks. "We got both sides in the same room together and they've agreed to talk. That can only be seen as a step forward," said a US diplomat who attend-

ed the talks, speaking on condition of anonymity. In the Zairian capital, government spokesmen Biebie Ekalabo confirmed that negotiations were expected to take place in South Africa in the next few days, but said he bad no details.

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we will meet at the main gate of the Holon Cemetery at

4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 2, 1997 (24 Adar II 5757)

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Society, 76 Ibn Gabirol, Tel Aviv at 6:30 p.m.

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# Peru hostage standoff: 100 days and counting

LIMA (AP) - The longest hostage standoff in Latin American history entered its 100th day yesterday, with rebels still occupying the Japanese win the freedom of jailed comrades. Efforts to end the crisis and free

the 72 hostages held inside the com-pound continued, while President Alberto Fujimori reiterated his resolve to pacify Peni. "Terrorists must not be wandering. around. Terrorists must not be free,"

he said. "Those who must be free are the citizens who work for Penu." Speaking at a road dedication in the highlands, Fujimori promised to "completely pacify the country and not allow terrorism to return in any

Fujimori had promised to wipe out, Peru's terrorist groups by the end of, his first term in July 1995. He had pronounced the Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement virtually defeated before the group seized the

ambassador's compound Dec. 17. Meanwhile reports continued that a solution to the crisis was nearly at band.

nbassador's residence in a bid to The Peruvian news media and the Japanese Kyodo news service both reported that rebel leader Nestor Cerpa was ready to accept a deal that would take bim and his Tupac Amaru terrorists to Cuba in exchange for freeing the hostages.

But Peru's opposition daily La Republica, citing unnamed sources in the anti-terrorism police, reported that the 15 or so rebels inside the compound were bickering over the Two of Cerpa's licutenants are

upset that he is reportedly willing to cede ground on their key demand freedom for hundreds of jailed comrades, the newspaper reported.

Other rebels with less political

training are tired and simply want a quick end to the standoff, La

A deal is reportedly in the works in which some, but not all, jailed Tupac Amaru rebels would get early release in exchange for the freedom of the bostages. The terrorists inside the

residence would get asylum in Cuba. Kyodo news in Tokyo, citing unnamed sources close to the negotiations, reported that Cerpa believes he and his followers are better off going to Cuba rather than risking the breakdown of negotiations, which might convince Peru to use force to free the captives. Cerpa reportedly was worried that

Roman Catholic Archbishop Juan Luis Cipriani, a close friend of Fujimori, was ready to quit the mediation team in frustration.

Cipriani has since gone to his archdioceses in the highland city of Ayacucho for Holy Week.

Cerpa will meet Monday with the

chief government negotiator, Domingo Palermo to discuss the plan for going to Cuba.

### With love and in tears.

MAGGY T.H.

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Dear Janny and Sammy, Dear Jojo,

e want to say that your sorrow is our sorrow Our memory of Maggy will always stay sacred and we hope that our togetherness will give us strength.

The Khakshouri Family

There is so much to say but no words to express what I feel. You are in my heart, Maggy, my dear.

In deep love, Jennifer

Dearest Maggy,

I will always think of you as "le petit soleil." Your gentle eyes and delicate smile will live on warming my heart forever.

Isaac.

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Your absence is impossible to overcome, yet we continue living and will never forget you, Maggy.

Sascha

We miss you, yet we feel you with us more than ever before. We love you.

Tanja and Nina

With deep sorrow, I say good-bye to you, my beloved cousin, who will live on in my heart eternally.

Allon

Maggy, your smile will always be with me!

Nani

Beloved Maggy,

I miss you with all my heart.

Mischa

The Sea, Our Passion yours the sun, mine the fish In love and hope

### Luther In deep sorrow we announce the passing of our beloved mother ANN MARKUS (Kamin) of Toronto, Canada King's son visits Ray Ray and Elaine Markus Elliot and Sylvia Markus

NASHVILLE, Tennessee (AP)

- James Earl Ray told the son
of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. in an extraordinary face-toface prison meeting yesterday he did not kill the civil rights

"I bad nothing to do with shooting your father," Ray told Dexter King.

Later, 15 minutes into the meeting, Ray said when asked if he killed the civil rights leader: "No, I didn't. Sometimes you have to make a personal evalua-

Dexter King replied: "I believe you and my family believes

The two met at the Lois DeBerry Special Needs Facility, where Ray is serving 99 years for killing King. He is being treated for terminal liver dis-

The King family has joined in a call for Ray to get a trial for the 1968 assassination in Memphis, saying that's the only way they'll know the truth about King's death.

King was shot as he stood on a hotel balcony in Memphis, where he had arrived to help direct a sanitation workers' strike. Ray, now 69, pleaded guilty to the slaying, avoiding a possible death sentence. He recanted a few days later and has been proclaiming his innocence ever since.

### Dalai Lama talks with Taiwan's leader

Chinese opposition, the Dalai Lama and Taiwan President Lee Teng-bui met for the first time yesterday, signaling a "new begin-ning" in relations, the exiled spiritual leader said.

The meeting capped the Tibetan's unprecedented six-day visit to Taiwan, which Beijing denounced as a convention of "splittists" trying to break up China. The visit paved the way for clos-

er understanding between Tibetans and all Chinese, both in Taiwan and mainland China, since they all share Chinese heritage, the Dalai Lama told reporters.

His discussion with Lee, a practicing Christian, revolved mostly

of a liaison office in Taiwan, he said. Taiwan Television reported the two spoke mostly in English for 45 minutes. No decision was reached on such an office, but the Tibetan side sees "no problem" in establishing

The meeting with Lee was held

Nepal and India and the setting up

at an official guest house instead of Lee's office to deflect suspicion that the Dalai Lama was being received as a foreign head of state. In a statement, Lee's office called it a meeting of philoso-phers, and quoted the president as saying the enthusiastic welcome for the Dalai Lama in Taiwan tes-

one, the Dalai Lama said.

### around religion, but the two also tified to his charisma. Scots lose bid to ban TV debate

EDINBURGH (Reuter) - The Scottish Nationalist Party (SNP) yesterday lost a legal bid to pre-vent its exclusion from a proposed pre-election television debate between Britain's prime minister and main opposition leader.
The SNP had wanted its leader

Alex Salmond to join Prime Minister John Major and Labor Party leader Tony Blair for the debate when it is transmitted in Scotland. The nationalist party had asked Scotland's highest court to rule

that television companies would be breaching their duty of impartiality by excluding Salmond. A Court of Sessions judge ruled

against the SNP saying that broadcasters could use their own judgement about their programs. Broadcasting of election campaigns is tightly controlled in Britain, with no paid commercials and the planned debate is widely seen as a key moment in the cam-

Liberal Democrats, Britain's third national party trail-ing far behind Labor and Major's Conservatives, have also threatened legal action if their leader, Paddy Ashdown, is not given a role in the bead-to-head debates. Both Major and Blair bave

agreed to the debates, but the format has yet to be finalized.

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# Tackling terror

Ex-Mossad chief Shabtai Shavit and ex-CIA head James Woolsey assess options for combating terror, Steve Rodan reports

ot long ago. Shabtai Shavit and James Woolsey headed two of the most prestigious spy agencies in the world. They were colleagues then; they are friends now. They visit each other's homes, meet at conferences and worry about Israel's iotensifyiog struggle with Woolsey, CIA director from

1993 to 1995, appears more at ease than the former Mossad chief in expressing his concern over the current Palestinian wave of terrorism that Israeli authorities say has been largely orchestrated hy Yasser Arafat. "It's an extraordi-nary and tense situation." Woolsey, says. "It's very worri-some for Israel and the Uoited States. They're in this together. To a lot of terrorists, Israel is the small satan and we're the big

Woolsey, an attorney by profession who served under several Democratic Party administrarions, says he is convinced that Arafat signaled his approval of the current wave of Islamic terrorism and unrest. He dismisses the doubts expressed by US diplomats of the Israeli assertion that Arafat gave the Islamic terrorist opposition the "greeo light" to

"I think it's a sterile dispute,". Woolsey, who attended the inaugural conference of the International Policy Institute for Counter-Terrorism, says. "There's a green light, but there's also a yellow light. All you have to do is surround yourself with 120 released Hamas prisoners and say 'won't somebody please help me in this difficult simuation?' And that's plenty of yellow light [in order to operate]. I don't think Arafat had to give a green light."

Woolsey urges Israel and the US to cooperate to remove what he tenns the "terrorist cano" "from" Arafat before final-status negotiations resume. "Israel has extraordinarily difficult negotiations coming up," he says. "There is no doubt that compromises have to he made. But I don't see how you can deal with Arafat under the threat of terrorism.

The former CIA director doesn't say so, bot Woolsey's skepticism of Arafat runs deep within the US intelligence community and the Pentagon. Formally, President Bill Clioton's administration is committed to Arafat, but privately many US defense officials say the PLO leader will not abandon violence, and the challenge for the government of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu will be how to eliminate a terrorist infrastructure that has been established just

minutes away from Israeli cities. Admiral (ret.) Leighton Smith, who until several months ago held several key US Navy posis including commander of the 55,000-member US-led peacekeeping force in Bosnia, spent a week here meeting government officials and military leaders in a visit sponsored

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want to concede."

Yonah Alexander, a terrorist expert at George Washington University and a consultant to the US Defense Department, compares last week's bombing in Tel Aviv to that of New York City's World Trade Center in 1993. "It's a wake-op call," Alexander says. "If we don't respond to this, things will get worse."

more cautious. He acknowledges that the US hopes that Arafat would end his career as a terrorist appear to be premature.

"It's hard to say now [whether Arafat is still a terrorist]." he says. "After all, people who were responsible for terrorism in this region were also later responsible for acts of great statesmanship in the world, like [the late Egyptian president Anwar] Sadat and [the late prime minister Menachem] Begin. But it is just completely unacceptable for Arafat to give the yellow light to terrorists and turn them loose every time there is a disagreement over a housing

project or anything else."
Woolsey says the Clinton
administration must make this clear to Arafal.

He also suggests that the White House tells Arafat that the Middle East peace process is not what US diplomats term a "slippery slope," in which negotia-tioos and Israeli concessions eventually resume regardless of the violence. "What's required is clarity from my government, Woolsey says.

According to Woolsey, the key to fighting international terrorism is international cooperation. "You can never know enough about the groups planning attacks," he says.

There is a limit to what you can learn through your own means. Espionage and the sharing of espionage with friendly countries is the only way you'll learn about terrorist plans and finances."

Should Israel strike Islamic terrorists at their bases io Gaza? Woolsey doesn't souod positive. Although Netanyahu as opposi-

tion leader was an ardent support-

by the Jewish

Institute for National Security Affairs. He says he sees similarities between the Balkans and Israel. The difference is that with all its problems, Bosnia is one contiguous territory while the Palestinian Aothority rules areas

"The problem here is that there is a terrorist problem within the boundaries of the area [Israel]." says Smith. "You've got terrorism all over the place. You can't tolerate terrorism as a means to drive a country to concede what it doesn't

For his part, Woolsey appears

terms of retaliation, that you have the right country in their sights," Woolsey says. There could be

er of the traditional Israeli policy state sponsorship at all."

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Woolsey doesn't believe that ter-

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- Yonah Alexander

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SHABTAI SHAVIT, Mossad drawing a map of Israel. He then period, he would not coter the takes a blue felt-tip pen and scrib- peace process. Arafat is in correct, be bles concentric circles in the concentric circles in the concentric circles in the circles dle where Judea and Samaria are located. "This area is fuzzy," he says. "There's no border. There's no clear delinearion. What's taking place here is that our direct access to the territories is growing weaker. So you have to compen-

A bomb disposal expert examines the body of the suicide bomber who blew up Tel Aviv's Apropo cafe last Friday.

sate for this. This is the biggest intelligence problem we have here. When it comes to political iotelligence, whether on Palestinian strategy or oegotiation positions, or what they think of the economy, this is easy to get. Wheo you speak of specific intelligence, this is diffi-

When Shavit joined the Mossad in the early 1960s, Arafat was becoming prominent as the leader of the newly-established Fatah. From then until his retirement last year, Shavit's job was to track down the Palestinian revolutionary.

Shavit doesn't like the question, calling it political. "To depict

ism in extreme situations. But to

say Arafat is a terrorist through

ls Arafat still a terrorist leader?

and through is a great exaggera-Shavit agrees with Woolsey that terrorists aren't easily deterred. Terrorism is a poor man's warfare and it requires little funding or

"Arafat rose in 1965 and from the minute he appeared I was after him," Shavit says. "Did we stop him? He kept on operating. Sometimes we knocked him off balance. But we never managed to stop him. The case study used of a successful campaign against terrorism was the British in Burma. But could we obtain international support for the kinds of methods the British used? Would we get a national consensus for this?" In the absence of PA coopera-

tioo, should Israel strike at

Islamic terrorists in Gaza? Shavit becomes uneasy, hut before long the man who headed what he says is the best group of spies in the world relents. "I can do all sorts of operations," he says. "If I am smart"

> "To say Arafat is a terrorist through and through is a great exaggera-

> > - Shabtal Shavit

tion."

enough I can do it with deniability so that oobody knows it's me. The restraint is linked to political and strategic considerations. As long as you are in negotiations you are limited." Both Shavit and Woolsey are

asked the following: Can prolonged terrorism destabilize

(Gideon Markowicz)

They agree that Israel can brave a long period of tension as well as numerous terrorist attacks. "1 don't see Israel becoming destabilized by this terrorist campaign," Woolsey says.

I see the commitment to the rule of law and democracy here as extremely strong. A great deal of stress can be placed on the US and Israel."

For his part, Shavit says Israelis will have to learn to live with the current tension. He foresees a long period of high alert in which "you can't lose your head or your

But he distinguishes between the current tension and Israel's restraint in the face of continued terrorist attacks.

"The situation of prolonged terror could come to the breaking point wherehy Israel can no longer tolerate this and will react with a force that could end the peace process. In that case, you switch priorities and say to hell

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# **Land Day 1997:** Bracing for the worst

For the first time in years, Israeli Arabs have called a general strike for Land Day this Sunday. Will tensions explode? Abraham Rabinovich reports;

. as Land Day, when Israeli Arabs give expression to their sense of dual identity, has in recent years taken on a relatively benign, almost picnicky, flavor in marked contrast with its earlier stridency.

However, there will be no mistaking this year's Land Day celebrations on Sunday for a St. Patrick's Day parade. "I'm afraid the ground is ripe for an explo-sion," says Loutfi Mashour, editor of the Nazareth newspaper As-Sennara.

The combination of factors that seem likely to return Israeli Arabs and Jews to an angry confrontational mode include the election last year of a government perceived by Israeli Arabs as insensitive to their needs, the apparent

the annual manifestation of grounding of the peace process and the beginning of construction at Har Homa.

For the first time in years, the organizers of Land Day - a committee made up of Arab local council heads, Arab Knesset members and Arab Histadrut officials have called a general strike in the Arab sector for Land Day as their way of slamming the table for

"There will be no violence unless there is provocation from the army or police," says MK Abdul Malik Dahamshe of the Democratic Arab Party. Mashour, however, says that violence might come if there are reports of serious injuries or deaths among West Bank Palestinians, who are expected to clash with troops in their own militant version of Land

Day celebrations.

Land Day has its origins in the fatal clash 21 years ago between troops and Arabs protesting the expropriation of land in Galilee. Six Arabs were killed and many wounded. On every anniversary since then, Israeli Arabs have marked the event with rallies which not only commemorate the dead but are an opportunity to vent current grievances. The anniversary has come to be marked as well by Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip and in refugee camps in the Arab world beyond, in a manifestation of

national bonding.

The central rally this year will be in the Beduin settlement of Abu Tlul in the Negev where Arabs will assemble from all over the country to call attention to the dis-



A turbulent Land Day in Taiba.

placement of Beduin from traditional grazing grounds. Rallies, tree plantings and marches will be held in Galilee and the Triangle

and a rally is to be beld in Jaffa as well. "We will be demonstrating against expropriation of Arab land and for increased budgets and

equality," says Nazareth Mayor Ramzi Gerasi. "But we will also be demonstrating against the Har Homa project and the danger we see to the peace process." The construction at Har Homa, which has placed Jerusalem on the public agenda, has already brought demonstrations by Israel's Islamic movement and may prove a combustible element oo Sunday.

Dr. Eli Rekhess of Tel Aviv University said this week that the institutionalization of Land Day by Israel's Arabs after the 1976

shootings was a declaration of assertiveness on the part of a minority which had been passive during the first decades of the state and lived under military government until 1966. Il was a signal from the Arab population to the government that we had entered a new era, said Rekhess. who heads a program on Arab politics sponsored by the Adenauer Foundation. They were saying same way. There is a new leadership and we will fight back.

The Jewish population and the government regarded these manifestations of Arab nationalism with extreme suspicion, at least in. the early years, but Rekhess notes that the Arab leadership has been careful to shun any hint of secessionist or anti-state tendencies. "On the contrary," he says, "they emphasize that what they are doing is within the context of being part of Israeli society."

Says Mayor Gerasi: The government has to distinguish between protests against the state and protests against the state's policy. We are protesting only against

DUALISM - THE tension involved in being both Israeli and Palestinian - has been a central feature of Land Dey as it is of the Israeli Arab community itself. By vigorously protesting government policies, is the Arab community setting itself apart from the rest of Israeli society and opening itself to suspicions of being a potential fifth column, or is it in fact demonstrating how integral a part of that society it is by feeling free: enough to protest and hopeful . enough that protest will bring. cbange?

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# To: The Prime Minister of Israel and the Government Har Homa - A Last Minute Plea.

On January 26, 1997, the Prime Minister, Mr. Binyamin Netanyahu, wrote us stating: "In reaching a decision on the construction of the new Har Homa neighborhood, all the implications and circumstances will be taken into account." An interim balance sheet can now be drawn up:

### 1. On the political level:

- a. 14 countries have twice condemned Israel in the UN Security Council. .
- b. 130 countries have condemned Israel in the UN General Assembly.
- c. The Islamic Convention has condemned Israel.
- It is expected that the Arab League will condemn Israel.
- e. It is expected that the Jerusalem Conference headed by King Hassan will condemn
- 1. It is expected that Oman, Egypt, Jordan, Tunisia, Morocco, and other countries will break off diplometic relations with Israel, end that Israel will be isolated worldwide,
- g. Since the Creation, "Har Homa" has never been part of the city of Jerusalem. h. The status of East Jerusalem is considered in the Camp David Agreement.
- The Security Council and the UN General Assembly have passed resolutions, overruling
- the acts of expropriation in East Jerusalem (e.g., Resolution 267). The Oslo Agreement contains a provision that the status of East Jerusalem will be
- determined in the permanent-settlement negotiations with the Palestinians.
- k. In March 1977, the government made a decision not to expropriate land.
- 1. In May 1995, the government made a decision not to expropriate land. m. The "Har Homa" scheme will necessitate further expropriation of Arab land.

- a. Even before construction starts, the site is being guarded by 2,000 members of the police and the army.
- b. A report produced by Israel's security services states that there are strong grounds for expecting riots and terrorist incidents, if the government builds this neighborhood. This report to the government has been described by the Minister of

### 3. On the economic level:

- a. An \$800 million debit for compensation, and the construction of intrastructure and public buildings.
- b. \$800 million of the government investments will be deducted from the US guarantees.
- c. A \$400 million loss, if the offer of the land owners to transfer all profits from the project, to e fund for advencing peace in the Middle East end supporting humanitarian causes, is rejected.
- d. Amounts corresponding to the tactors noted in Para. 4, Para. 6 (c), (d) and Para. 10 must be edded to the above.
- e. In addition, there will be a negative affect on tourism.

### 4. On the plenning level:

- e. Our company's scheme to build apartments designed for the handicapped has been b. Our company's scheme, to entirely eliminate road accidents in the neighborhood has
- c. Approval has been given to the government plan. According to this plan, sewage
- produced by the neighborhood's population of 35,000 will be pumped up 250 m by three pumps, one of which will be located in the schools and kindergartens area. A stroke of genius! Where ere the environmentalists!?
- d. The approved government scheme will necessitate further expropriation of Arab land. e. The government's \$1,500 billion project plan was approved by three members of the
- committee in quarter of en hour, this involving illegal acts (brought out in Supreme Court Case 6517/96). They did not consider the alternative plan submitted.
- 1. An expert has given the approved government plan e rating of 20%, in comparison to the plan of our company. Our plan can be seen at the Internet address: WWW.HARHOMA.COM.

### 5. On the ethtcat level:

- e. This action is contrary to Jewish ethics, as exemplified in the story of "Naboth's vinevard" (Kings I: 21).
- b. While allocating state land to kibbutzim and moshavim, the government is here refusing to ellow land owners to develop their own land.
- While giving entrepreneurs the right to acquire state land end draw up plans for its utilization, the government prevents land owners building on their land, in accordance with completed plans.
- d. While nationalizing the "Har Homa" area, the government is privatizing real estate
- e. White encouraging capital investment, the government is nationalizing e tite-time project. Who will invest in a country, in which the government nationalizes a life-time project, in order to give it to others, after work has been invested in it over a period of 25
- f. While ellowing construction on 13 dunams of occupied land in Ras el Amud, on the grounds that it is private land, the government is preventing construction on 1,500 dunams of private land on "Har Homa".
- g. In tsrael, property is being confiscated, while in Eastern Europe, property confiscated before WWII is now being-returned.

### 6. On the legat and constitutional level:

e. It is contrary to Para. 3 in the basic law: Rights and Freedom of Man.

b. In Supreme Court Case 3956/92, it was laid down that:

"in considering the petitioner's request to revoke the expropriation, the Minister of Finance must give weight to the fact that we are concerned with prejudicing a right associated with the property, and with "respecting this right." This means that, if it is proved that it is possible to build the residential neighborhood - a public need - without expropriation, it would be desirable to revoke the expropriation, even if, at the time the minister made his decision, he thought

- c. In Case 3956/92, the Supreme Court decided that, under certain conditions, the expropriation of Har Homa would Invalidated. Our company agrees to comply with these conditions. Blnyamin Ben Eliezer, who was then the Minister of Construction and Housing, found a pretext to Ignore the Supreme Court's ruling that the owners could build luxury apartments, and without the minister bothering to look at our company's plans.
- d. The government has caused the agreement, signed between our company and the Jerusalem Development Authority to build the neighborhood, to be violated.

### 7. On the correct procedure level:

- a. The government master plan was approved, at a time when a court order forbidding this act was in effect (see Supreme Court Case 6517/96).
- b. Agreements have been signed with architects, engineers and surveyors, without publishing public tenders.
- public tender.
- d. The haredim have already started to sell apartments on "Har Homa". The circumstances in which the neighborhood was promised to them, and how this was done before the court cases were completed, are yel to be revealed.

### 8. On the Israeli public opinion level:

a. An opinion poll conducted by Dr. Rachel Yisraeli of Machon Michshuv, on February 22, 1997, found that 92% of Jewish adults in Israel consider that the government should permit the private owners to undertake the building.

### 9. On the level of human feelings:

a. An attempt has been made to prevent us creating e memorial to e woman soldier who was killed in e road accident, while on duty in the IDF: In the drawing up of our plan for the neighborhood, the utmost care was taken to ensure the greatest possible road safety, as noted in Para 4 (b). A fund in her memory was also to be set up - see Para 3 (c).

### 10. To date, the government has agreed to:

- a. Allow the operation of the Dahanya airfield
- b. Hand over more areas in Region C
- c. Invest \$50 million in infrastructure in East Jerusalem
- d. The building of 400 apartments in Zur Bahar
- e. The building of 3,000 apartments for Arabs in other areas of East Jerusalem f. Create a "Har Homa B" neighborhood for Arabs, which will necessitate the
- expropriation of further land areas from the Arabs. Another stroke of genius!

- a. It is clear that, when the decision to build a new neighborhood on expropriated land on "Har Homa" was made, ALL the implications and circumstances where NOT taken into account, in particular and obviously, not those detailed above.
- b. The question is not to build or not to build". The question is: Should the owners build, or should the government take the land from the owners, and give it to others? Government instituted construction on "Har Homa" does not contribute anything to Israel's position in East Jerusalem - in fact, the contrary is the case.
- c. The government has done practically everything to placate the Palestinians, except the correct thing: make a decision to cancel the expropriation on "Har Homa", remove its security lorces, to stop the emergency deployment of troops, stop wasting public money, and allow the owners - Jews and Arabs - to build on their land.
- d. The security services have given their opinion on what will happen it construction is started on "Har Homa". Not one minister has checked it out: What would happen, if the owners - Jews and Arabs - build, with the accord of the Palestinians and in line with world opinion?
- The prime minister and the ministers of the government will not, at some future date, be able to come out of this metter with clean hands, because not one of them has asked the security services the right question, and has not checked out the alternative that the owners - Jews and Arabs - build the neighborhood.
- e. This is a life-time project which the government is attempting to quash, with no ication. The attitude of the prime minister should be exactly the same as it would be, were someone attempting to destroy a memorial project for Yoni Netanyahu. f. If the neighborhood is built by the owners, it will restore respect for the right of
- ownership, produce savings in the national budget, improve Israel's image in the world, and promote economic prosperity, peace and security. g. If this neighborhood is built on expropriated land, in accordance with the
- government plan, despite all the disadvantages detailed above, it will impose penance on many generations, the sad lact being recorded in history that it was done when the premiership was held by Binyamin Netanyahu, an architect by profession, and graduate of business effairs.

We therefore address this impassioned, last-minute plea to the prime minister and the ministers, to take ALL the implications and circumstances into account, in accordance with human rights, and statehood principles.

May Mount "Har Homa" become the "Mount of Peace"!

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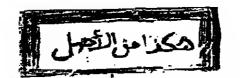
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# Is Labor ready to snap?

Shimon Peres's desire to continue his 20-year hegemony over Labor's party machine may drive the party to the breaking point, Sarah Honig writes

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This is what renders everyone around him in the Labor Party so jumpy and jittery. Labor's already twitchy nerves were further agitated when Peres was nominated for president (only party president for now) this week and not for the first time.

The suggestion first cropped up soon after Peres fost last year's election and it keeps reappearing impressive regulari-That the ootion of

creating a new and very undefined role for Peres persists, and that it stirs great controversy and raw emotion, indicates a great deal about the state of Labor these days: Many in the

party liken Labor to a spring which bas been tightly pulled back and which everyone is now expecting to snap forcefully, though to one knows how and when - except that it will surely happen before June 3.

It is on that date the the party is slated to elect its oew chairman - the one who will replace Peres and who will be Labor's next candidate for prime minister. It will be then that the 20-year Peres hegemony over the Labor machine (even during the tenure of the late Yitzhak Rabin as prime minister) will in theory

The trouble is that no one io the party - least of all Peres's opponents believes that he is ready or willing to go. Despite his advancing years he is judged as still politically vigorous, and as high-ty militely to passively yield the helm and fade away with resignation.

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Peres: Unlikely to yield the top spot.

The anticipation for what Peres may pull out of his already mythically proportioned bag of tricks is severely fraying political nerves on both sides of the great Labor divide. Suspicions and con-spiracy theories abound, evidence of scheming and intrigue are detected everywhere and sly Byzantine maneuvers are ascribed to every utterance or development - even if it doesn't originate from within Labor.

It was instructive to watch how Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's proposal to accelerate the Oslo process and cut to the final-status negotiations was greeted in Labor. Its politicians were clearly caught off guard and had a hard time deciding about the merits or drawbacks of the proposal. But it instantly set off foud alarm bells amongst the highly strung supporters of Ehud Barak, the man seen as most likely to take Peres's

place in June.

Many around Barak claimed to discovered have Peres's lingerprints on the Netanyahu proposal. They lost no time to whisper in reporters' cars that Peres must be involved because the maneuver is so sophisticated and ingenious - not in the realm of Israel's dealines with the Arabs but io the political where it party could make a national nnity govemment much more difficult to oppose.

In the Barak camp it is regarded as axiomatic Peres will stop at nothing to get the party into the govemment before the June deadline so he can come in as the senior Labor cabinet minister and remain the top Labor man Netanyahu's cabinet until the year

2000, regardless of who is elected to the Labor leadership slot. To prove the existence of a Peres-Netanyahu collusion, Barak's boosters unhesitatingly point to the meeting

between the two a fortnight prior to Netanyahu's proposal. Last Sunday's phone conversation between the two only fanned the flames. The version that Netanyahu merely briefed Peres on developments after the Tel Aviv cafe bombing is roundly rejected. The two, it is asserted, talk way too much and are almost chummy. Barak's allies claim that Rabin and Peres centainly did not treat Netanyahu so considerately when he was in the opposition, and no prime minister maintained such continuous contact with the opposition chief as Netanyahu does And if that is not airtight enough, they

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# No time for unity

In an interview with Michal Yudelman, Ehud Barak dismisses a national unity government and calls for renewal of talks with Yasser Arafat

hud Barak was on the Negev when word reached him on Wednesday that Leah Rabin had endorsed his bid for Labor's leadership.

The late prime minister Yirzhak Rabin, said his widow, saw Barak as his succes-

Barak could not have hoped for a bet-ter gift to establish himself as the heir of Labor's loved and admired former leader.

Who would have believed him if he had said it himself? It might even have been dismissed as the puff of another politician with delnsions of grandeur.

Barak was "recruited" into Labor by the peace team of Rabin then-foreign mioister Shimon Peres. They were concerned about the future leadership of the party and could see no outstretched younger-generation hand worthy of grasping the Labor baton.

Rabin and Peres once told Giora Einy, their confidant, they had found the man most suited to carry the torch - Ehud Barak, just out of the post of IDF chief

"Rabin discussed it with Peres and myself," recalls Einy, who did not know Barak personally before then. "They were looking for leadership potential and brought him on board to strengthen the government and the party. I was giveo the task of being liaison between Barak and the party leadership."

Barak also remembers the day he

received a call from the prime minister. Yitzhak called me after I had finished my term as chief of staff. He said he had spoken about it to Shimon, and that I should join the cabinet and its leading team. He talked about needing a reserve unit to hand the baten to when the time



Barak: Waiting for the baton.

After Labor lost the elections and was exiled to the opposition. Barak lost no time in grooming himself for party lead-ership. His calculated military-style offensive to take the party by storm and his naked ambition quickly earned him the unflattering adjective of "Bibi-compatible." But the tactics have proved themselves necessary and effective for a Labor movement shattered by the twin blows of assassination and electoral rejection.

Public opinion polls indicate he is by far the favorite Labor leadership candidate and as a pollsters' election candidate he surges ahead of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu.

Now, as the national unity balloon rises higher with more hot air being pumped into it. Barak is leading the opposition charge to bring it down. It offends him to see Labor crawl towards overlook all its blunders cabinet armchair, say

"This government must be done away with, not saved," said not join such a government of disgrace and fail-

ure."
There was an indirect there for party chairman Shimon Peres, the main supporter of a govern-

Barak has much to lose politically in a unity govern-Peres's position as leader and international status will be refurbished. Barak, with a minor portfolio, lined in decisionmaking, weakening his stance for the next Knesset

If he got defense, his objections would fade away, suggest Peres's supporters. Not so, says Barak. Even if offered the defense ministry he would oppose a unity government.

"It's not just that the time isn't right" he said. "I don't think the time will ever be right to join this government of Gotham, with its amateurs and schlemiels, its scandals and blunders. There's only one thing to do with a government like this. Replace itl"

Barak is not, in any case, convinced the issue of a national unity government is even on the agenda. "It's all talk," he said. "It's not realistic and, anyway, nobody has offered it. Peres himself admits it's imaginary.' Barak was more interested to blasting

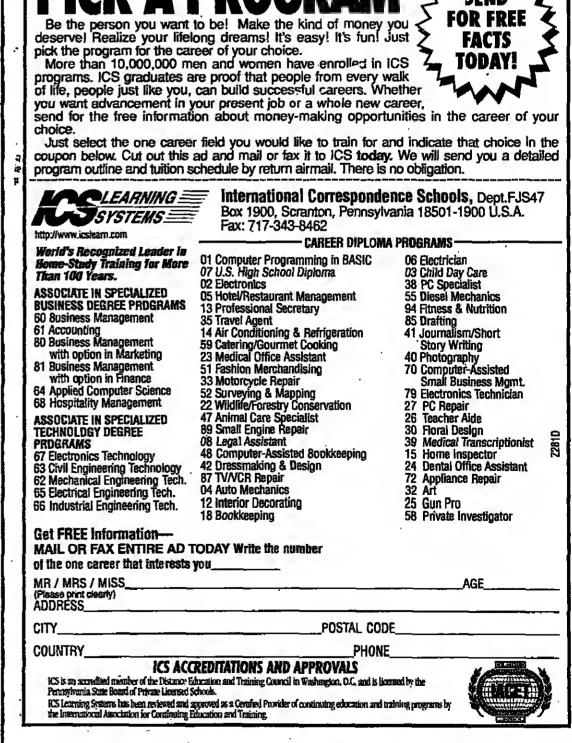
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# Surrendering myths

Germans have taken to the streets over an exhibit that portrays the "ordinary German soldier" as a willing executioner, Marilyn Henry reports from Munich

The line starts forming in the Munich courtyard around 9 each morning. Ivexpands and contracts, but never quite disappears until late afternoon. By then, closing time, 2,000 visitors will have viewed the provocalive exhibit that is challenging Germany's conception of its "ordinary soldiers" during World War IL

The private exhibit on the Nazi-era German army, the Wehrmacht, has loured a dozen cities in Germany and Austria in the last two years. But when it opened last month in Munich, the Bavarian city that in 1935 Hitler dubbed the "capital of the movement," sparks began to fly.

Peter Gauweiler, leader of the Christian Socialist Union, assailed Munich's official sponsorship of the exhibit, which he called an affront to the army. Gauweiler used language that resonated with neo-Nazis. And they turned out by the thousands on March 1, pumped up by messages on the Internet, then bused from cities in the former East Germany, to stage a street protest against the exhibit. Thousands more locals from Munich — congregated on the central Marienplatz to hold the neo-

Rachel Salamander is offended by Gauweiler's opposition to the exhibit. "It is part of the Auschwitz denial -Wehrmacht denial," says Salamander, the owner of the Jewish bookstores, Literatur Zum Judentum, in Munich, Berlin and Vienna.

The exhibit - called "Extermination War. Crimes of the Wehrmacht, 1941-44" - simply and starkly says it is time to abandon the "lie" of the German army. "In 1945, barely after the defeat of Nazi Germany, the generals began the fabrication of a legend — the legend of the 'clean army,'" the opening panel at the exhibit states. According to this legend, soldiers were not executioners. They "fulfilled their military duties with decency and dignity," and were separate from the Nazi regime,

"In 1995, it is time to say good-bye to that lie," the panel says. "From 1941 to 1944, the Germany Army in the Balkans and the Soviet Union conducted not a 'normal war, but a war of destruction' against lews, prisoners of war and civilians that claimed millions of victims."

democratic party can say these The queues show that the Germans clearly have an appetite for this material, but it is not easy to digest.

"NOBODY DENIES that war crimes were committed by members of the Wehrmacht," says Hans Podiuk, town council member in Munich and chairman of its CSU faction. "But the exhibit and the books [produced in conjunction with it) have a tendency to declare the Wehrmacht in general as a criminal organization and insult every member of the Wehrmacht."

The exhibit makes a judgment that does not show the historical reality, he said in an interview, occasionally pulling out books from the exhibit, with the offending passages highlighted with neon-pink marker, to prove his point. Of course, crimes were committed by the SS and Gestapo, but there were millions of soldiers who were drafted, who were not enthusiastic and committed no crimes." he says. Besides, he says, the Nuremberg trials "cleared" Wehrmacht.

Podiuk says he would not have attempted to prevent the exhibit from being shown at another site, but he took exception to the fact that it was officially sponsored by the Munich city government, opened by ciry officials and staged in the neo-Gothic municipal building, the Rathaus.

From his second-floor office at the Rathaus, Podiuk looked down on the line of people waiting to enter the exhibit. "It is like that every day," he says, motioning toward the queue. "I can hear them arguing in line, through the window." He laughed at the suggestion that perhaps he was responsible for the exhibit's popularity, because the CSU's opposition had aroused the intense interest. In other cities, the exhibit had seen less than half the visitors who have come each day to the Rathaus show. "You're right. I initiated a discussion," says Podiuk. But he also insisted that his stance was "moderate." And he has a pedigree that discourages people from simply dismissing him as right wing. Podiuk's father, a Ukrainian, was imprisoned in Dacbau - some 20 kilometers from his office in the Rathaus -

Podink himself acknowledges that, in his opposition, he is in the company of neo-Nazis. "We don't agree with the far right. That image is created by political adversaries," he says, adding, "It is hard for us to correct."

ONE OF the grievances of the exhibit's supporters is that the stock phrases of the far right have found their way into statements made by mainstream parties. Gauweiler's CSU is the sister party of Chancellor Helmut Kohl's Christian Democrats, which is nationwide except in Bavaria. After the rival demonstrations in Munich, Kohl's ecalition said it did not want the parliament to host the exhibition.

"Gauweiler took an extreme view and then neo-Nazis found a point of identification with the establishment," says Jurgen Zarusky, a historian at the Institute for Contemporary History in Munich.

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The photos from Belarus are especial-

ly tranmatic: bodies in pits, wizened men struggling with manual labor, and the Jews' yellow stars.

In Nazi Germany, when it came to the yellow stars, the Reich had its inevitable rules, which governed the size of the star, the cloth, and whether it was to be worn on the lapel or on an armband. In Minsk, though, the Wehrmacht and SS improvised. And it is reflected in the stars. In one hannting photograph, women are wearing monstrous yellow stars on the backs of their jackets. The stars look like targets for shooting prac-

There also are copies of letters sent home from the front, and they are chilling. "So far we have sent about 1,000 Jews to the hereafter. But that's still too few." a soldier identified as Franz wrote on July 7, 1941.

THE FACTS of the exhibit are not new. What is new are the photos, taken by the soldiers themselves, showing they had no conscience," says Florian Sattler, the spokesman for the city.

Sattler's office at the Rathaus is down the hall from Podiuk's, but the two find little common ground. Sattler is tickled by official sponsorship of the event.

The majority of German adults drew the wrong interpretation of the Nuremberg tribunal, he says. Nuremberg found that the SS and the Gestapo were criminal organizations. By definition, though, the army was not, because military service there was compulsory. "Never did Nuremberg say that the army did not do criminal acts, but the German courts didn't prosecute such

acıs," Sattler says. The society of the 1950s was not prepared to try soldiers," he says. "Now you have to - our generation has to - or the next generation will reproach us."

Like Podiuk, he seems awed by the lines in the courtyard. People stand there for hours and hours and talk about the experience of the war," he says. "Old soldiers, for 45, 48 years, they didn't speak. Now they can talk."

Or, now they can argue. Many veterans oppose the exhibit. Some say the documents and photos are fakes. Others say they are being libeled. Many stand in Marienplatz, but cannot be convinced to enter the Rathaus to view the exhibit.

organizers · Instead. engage other visitors in conversation. Little circles. of young and old, form throughout the day. Their moods can be tance: the angry, old vet who jabs the air with his finger, the young woman who covers her face with her bands. It is not difficult

to judge Himmler and Heydrich, but personal responsibility?" Zarusky, the historian. "This brings the Nazi reality close to the people and raises questions about the responsibility of

ordinary people in the Third Reich." As a historical work, the exhibit problematie because it has no

context and does

not show the development of the Wehrmacht, Zarusky says. But it also shows that the army was, in fact, integrated into the "annihilation" program. It is historically correct. It shows a cerrain very depressing and very important aspect of our bistory," he says. "Even-the veterans want to know what hap-

THE EXHIBIT is, in the words of Franz Müller, a "positive provocation." Müller is one of the survivors of the White Rose, a group of Munich university sta-dents whose leaflets were the first act of resistance to Hitler. Its young leaders were guillotined for challenging the Müller does not indiet the entire

Wehrmacht "There were many [soldiers] who were not guilty. The big majority didn't hurt anyone.

Nonetheless, that does not relieve them of responsibility, says Müller, who was jailed by the Reich and liberated by the Allies. Although he does not believe in collective guilt, Müller has strong ideas

about "majority guilt."
"It is the guilt of different levels of an enormous number of people — not only in Germany, but in France, Poland," he says. "I am convinced that in Germany

we had majority guilt.

"A man says, 'I didn't see.' Well, you should bave seen," says Müller. "He closed his eyes, closed his beart, closed

his ears." In Bonn, the exhibit prompted an emotional debate in the parliament recently in which some officials cried as they told their families' tales and wrestled with their personal demons.

"Even 52 years after the end of World War II. it is still not easy to speak about the role of the Wehrmacht." Defense Minister Volker Ruehe told Renters.

"The experiences of the Wehrmacht soldier are the experiences of our father's generation. Its effects are stillfelt in many families." Some of those effects may have been exacerbated by the extraordinary popularity in the last year of US historian Daniel Goldhagen's book, Hitler's Willing Executioners, which also looks at the atrocities committed by "ordinary"

Germans. People are moved by the horrible things that happened, but nobody wants to be responsible for it," says a German neurologist standing in a slow-moving line to enter the exhibit in Munich.

There are ample incongruities at the Rathaus, which is within easy walking distance of Odeonsplatz, the open-air plaza that was the site of Hitler's putsch. The banner advertising the Wehrmacht

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exhibit hangs near a renowned-Glockenspiel, whose charming carillon chimes several times a day, while whimsical figurines do the "barrel-makers' dance" or "fight" a medieval tourna-

Visitors pass under an arch where the the US Army who freed Munich from the National Socialist terror regime on 30 April 1945." But this is in the city where the Nazi Party was launched in

MUNICH TURNED back the neo-Nazis on March 1. Some 5,000 right-wing demonstrators were unable to cross Marienplatz and reach the Rathaus. The exhibit's supporters are proud that the 50 busloads of demonstrators were not local. They were blocked by an estimated 8,000 rival demonstrators, who shouted, "Nazis, out!"

There is a positive lesson here, some

say proudly.

I think what happened in Munich was valuable," says Zarusky. "People had seen the faces of neo-Nazis and heard the slogans and were shocked by it."

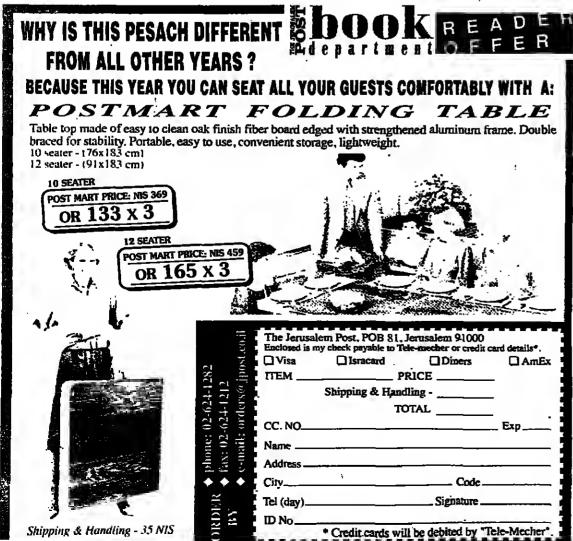
"This was a big success for democracy in Munich," Sattler says. "The protest against the neo-Nazis was a strong sign of what the majority in Munich thinks."

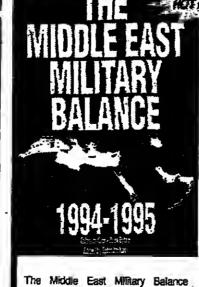
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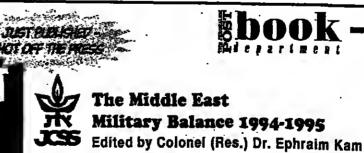


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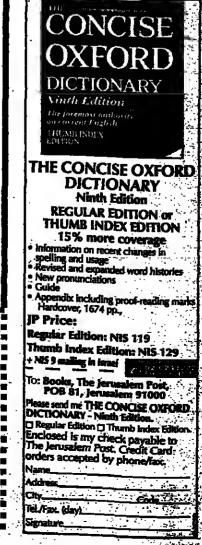
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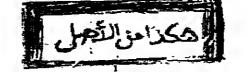
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### By AMOTZ ASA-EL

Jewish triple-X movie, goes the cliche, would consist of 50 minutes. of begging, five of sex, and an hour

So do Israeli national-unity governments. Yet unlike pornography, the efforts currently well under way to establish a broadbased government need not embarrass those involved in them. If anything, it's unity's opponents who are prostituting our future in lum for a one-oight-stand's brush with fame, while what they try to portray as the mother of all fiascos is in fact politically workable and historically imperative.

A brief glimpse at the personal side of this rapidly unfolding saga already reveals much evidence in favor of a broad government, After all, anything proposed by Dan Meridor and opposed by Yeboshua Marza should generally be supported, but even more so when the latter's stance stems from his unabashedly selfish desire to retain his hard-won, but little deserved, ministerial status, which in a Netanyahu-Peres cabinet he stands to lose due to overcrowdedness.

Matza - a small-time politician who other than heckle doves and fawn over Netanyahu, has yet to leave an imprint on our public life - should realize that too many sensible people lament the circumstances which allow people of his stature to become ministers in the first place.

The same goes for Ehud Barak who, though far more gifted than Matza, nevertheless allows personal expediency to dic-tate his attitude toward a national issue; with Peres in the government - one can almost hear the retired general muttering to himself - I am exposing my flanks to sud-

A VIEW FROM NOV

By MOSHE KOHN

empire called the Sanjak of

into which the Ottomans had divid-

ed Eretz Yisrael and Syria in the

The Saniak of Jerusalem was

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the capital, Istanbul. It included the

land from Jaffa south to the Sinai

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side of the Jordan River was divid-

ed into the Saniaks of Nablus

(Shechem), Acre and Beirut,

responsible to the Vilayer of Beirut,

and the eastern side was divided

into the Sanjaks of Kerak and

Hauran, extending down to Akaba,

and responsible to the Vilayet of

This was but the latest in a long

series of administrative or military

reorganizations and renamings of

the country since the Roman

emperor Hadrian imposed the

name "Palaestina" on it in the sec-

ond century, as part of his effort to

expunge from the land every

Jewish association. In fact, the

Romans divided the entire region

from Syria and Lebanon down

through Arabia into three districts.

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# When unity works

den attack by this undependable beast who isn't irreversibly dead until publicly buried. Not to mention Yitzhak Mordechai, who though having energetically job-hunted at Labor headquarters as recently as last year now says that the Likud should never contemplate forfeiting the defense portfolio.

Well, these and the rest of national unity's high-minded opponents should realize that with all due respect to their personal priorities, there is also a country to run, and this country has now arrived at a juncture which

begs for political consolidation. To be sure, Israel's extensive experience with national-unity governments - which have led this country for more than a fifth of its history - has always been dominated by bickering, intrigue and backstabbing.

In May '67, when national unity was first concocted, the public saw in it a brilliant move aimed at enhancing Israel's clout as it braced for a cataclysmic clash with the Arab armies which had mobilized to the south, porth and east.

Yet in reality it was a ploy, master-minded by Shimon Peres, who shrewdly detected a golden opportunity to pluck the Rafi faction from its dreary life in opposition, and while at it weaken its nemesis, prime minister Levi Eshkol, by snatching from his bosom the Defense Ministry and placing it instead in Moshe Dayan's. To achieve that goal Peres managed to mobilize the National Religious Party and Menachem Begin (who proposed returning to the helm 81-year-old David Ben-Gurion) whose combined siege was too much for Eshkol to resist.

Still, eveo if the cause of that move was prosaic, the fact is that it almost instantaneously reversed the public's pervasive pessimism, thus lending a much-needed psychological boost to the subsequent military

Seventeen years later, when Peres led Yitzhak Shamir into a national-unity cabinet, their reasons once again were not necessarily noble, but rather a sober analysis of the deadlock imposed on them by an incon-

elusive election. However, that government's achievements - a generally smooth defeat of hyper-inflation and a swift retreat from central Lebanon - were more than positive from a national perspective.

Then, of course, there is the precedent of 1988, when Peres did not want a nationalunity government, but was forced to join one by Shamir, who did not want a powerful opposition, and Yitzhak Rabin, who dreaded the thought of forfeiting the defense portfolio.

Today, too, Peres's battle is evidently not only about national direction, but also about his own survival. And yet, beyond the personal, partisan, and otherwise dubious small-politician considerations which dominate Peres's record of three decades in doing and undoing national-unity governments, lurks the insight of a visionary statesman who knows when broad-based cabinets are a viable option.

THE FORMULA is very simple: When Israel's dilemmas are tactical, national unity works, and when our dilemmas are strategic, the parties fight it out, as they should.

In 1967 war was imperative, since it was imposed on us from outside with Egypt's closure of the Tiran Straits, and in 1984 hyper-inflation had to be beaten, lest the onist enterprise be sent into receivership. That's when national unity not only worked. but in fact was indispensable.

Since the public was demanded to sacrifice - in '84 financial assets and in '67 human lives - it had to feel that the politicians were also relinquishing some of what was dear to them, namely exclusivity in power. And since in both cases the question was not whether, but how, m wage battle, such an arrangement was feasible.

Conversely, by the second half the 1980s Likud and Labor had really arrived at an ideological impasse. Peres, having concluded - well before the outbreak of the intifada - that ruling over two million Palestinians is a recipe for disaster, and having realized

that the fran-Iraq war was momentarily diverting the world's attention from the Arab-Israeli conflict, sought an arrangement which would in some way return Jordan to the West Bank and Gaza.

The Likud preferred to delude itself that occupation, and the Iran-Iraq war, should and could last forever. In such a setting national unity was impossible.

Today, considering that the Likud has itself led the retreat from Hebron, and that even Ariel Sharon admits that the emergence of a Palestinian state is only a question of time, and with even Yossi Beilin saying most Jewish settlements should stay put in a final arrangement, and since even Yossi Sarid says Jerusalem should remain undivided, it follows that much of yesteryear's bitter controversies are behind us.

Indeed, having limped its way across the Oslo Rubicon, albeit over Yitzhak Rabin's dead body and amid a cacophonous chorus of assorted Rehavam Ze'evis and Elyakim Ha'etznis, the gypsy bandwagon called Israeli politics can no longer bicker over whether to negotiate a peace-for-territories deal with the Palestinians; the question has been reduced to how to go about doing this while retaining a maximum of national assets. In other words, we are back at the '67-'84 configuration.

The challenge ahead is clear, and we simply can't afford m meet it while deeply divided. Paradoxically, the Likud can strike peace deals at no political cost, but when it comes to flexing muscles, we need Labor. And the way Yasser Arafat has been behaving recently, there might yet be occasional need in a Labor-led defense establishment attacking, say, a Hamas homet's nest somewhere in Gaza.

And since this is also how the architect of those successful national-unity govern-ments - Shimon Peres - sees today's political situation, there is a good chance that later this year we'll finally have a few more relatively seasoned, sober and experienced leaders flanking Binyamin Netanyahu.

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# Lying for Palestine

### respectively. The Moslem caliphs retained the name, though they changed the borders of the districts, And until the 10th century, Eretz Yisrael's Arab conquerors generally did not call Jerusalem by the name used today, "al-Kuds/the Holy," but

"Elya."
This was a corrupt abbreviation of "Aelia Capitolina," the name Hadrian, whose Latin name was Publius Aclius Hadrianus, had

given it in honor of himself and the Roman god Jupiter Capitolinus. My elder sister was boin here in February 1917, and was thus also originally an Ottoman subject and

citizen of the Sanjak of Jerusalem. The following November the British took the country from the Ottomans and restored its Hadrianic name, "Palestine." My parents and sister - like the rest of the country's population - were now "Palestinians," and that is the

label they bore when my father arrived in the US in 1921 and my mother and sister in 1922 with British passports. They were part of a large emigration from Eretz Yisrael in the early years after World War I, when an estimated 10 percent of the coun-

try's population, both Jews and Arabs, left in that chaotic period before conditions here attained relative stability.

There apparently was a pattern in both communities, whereby the eldest son or the married son was to go to the US or one of those other lands whose streets were paved with gold, spend a day or two filling a crate or two with gold for mailing back home, another day or

two filling a valise or two with

additional gold to carry home, and everyone would live happily ever

In the end, they stayed in the US. coming back home when my father reached Social Security age. Meanwhile and afterwards, I and my family and three sisters, including the Palestinian, also returned

home to Jerusalem. Many of my parents' Jewish fellow Palestinians and their progeny have similar stories, and after the Six Day War, in Ramallah and the Shuafat and Beit Hanina neighbornoods of Jerusalem, I met Arabs o my parents' generation who told

the same story. In August 1967 I told all this to a denizen of the Dehaishe camp near Bethlehem whom I was visiting. The man, in his early 30s, who said he had spent three years in Algeria as an English teacher, had laid out a peace proposal, the one commonly

offered in those years by the PLO. "Look," he said, "wby can't we live in peace? After all, we're cousins. The Jews who came here after the Balfour Declaration will go back to the European countries they came from. Those countries will welcome them with open arms: after all, the Jews are so clever and industrious. And those staying here will be happy citizens

of a secular democratic state..." I told him my family's story, and pleaded that it wasn't my fault that my parents, like all those others, had had to leave because of the epidemics in the land and the lack of

food and work, etc. He pondered for a few moments. then gave me the good news: "All right, Jews like Moshe Kohn will also be able to stay."

1 was too exhilarated to think of asking him to give me his assurance in writing.

ALL THIS was brought to mind again by my having been named by Walid M. Awad of the "Palestine Ministry of Information" as a usurping invader, one of many, who have come here to make life

miserable for today's Palestinians. In a rather purple article in the Palestinian National Authority's Internet website, "A page in the life of a Palestinian in East Jerusalem," picture of Israel's demographic caleidoscope.

He writes about the "strange mixture of people" serving in our Border Police. He writes: "...some are blacks from Ethiopia, some are ginger, some are blond with blue eyes and heavy accents, there are Russian, some are Americans, Yemenite, Moroccan, Argentinian, as a matter of fact I saw Chinese and Indian looking soldiers manning checkpoints on the way from Ramallah to Arab East Jerusalem." But all this is not intended to show Israel's or the Jewish peo-

ple's non-racist quality, but is part of a tale of woe about how the likes of me and those police, "strange to the soil of our land," commit outrages against presumably true children of this soil like him.

Of course, in 1967 we "forced"

The essay contains some of the usual lies and distortions. For example, I and those police are among those who "occupied our land forcing themselves upon us and our land in 1967 and the previous invasions such as that of 1948."

the shelling and invasion of Israeli Jerusalem by the Jordanians, whose King Hussein apparently thought he was joining a victorious Egypt and Syria.

In 1948, similarly, the invader was not us, but Jordan's King Abdullah's Arab Legion, joined by five other Arab armies. Awad then takes me to task for

something he claims to have read in my column of February 28 but which isn't there: I did not deny "the existence of the Palestinian people" or even mention that.

in previous columns i *have* whe ten that today there is a group identifying itself as "the Palestinian people," an identity that distinguished spokesmen of theirs had previously denied.

These included Auni Bey Abdul Hadi, who in 1937 even declared that the concept was a Zionist invention; Princetoo University Prof. Philip K. Hitti m 1947; and PLO founding chairman Ahmed Shukeiry in 1956. And contrary to Awad, Mahmoud

Abbas ("Abu Mazen") does lie when he says that UN Security Council Resolution 242 calls on Israel "to withdraw from all occupied territory." That resolution docsn't contain the word "all" or even "the."

There is an additional string of Awadian lies and distortions to which I pointed in my February 28 column that he does not deal with at all in his Internet essay.

(Thanks to "Israel and the Arabs" by Julian J. Landau, Jerusalem. 1973, and IMRAIIndependent Media Review & Analysis director Dr. Aaron Lerner of Ra' anana.) ourselves upon them in response to

### SHABBAT SHALOM



### By SHLOMO RISIGN

"And God spoke to Moses, saying: Command Aaron and his sons, saying, This is the Torah of the burnt offering; it is the burnt offering which shall be burning upon the altar all night until the morning, and the fire of the altar shall be kept burning in it. And the priest shall put on his linen garment, and his linen breeches shall be put on his flesh...'" (Lev 6:1-

Priest and prophet characterize religious leadership. Which is

First, let's look at the external differences. A priest is a priest by virtue of the fact that his father is a priest, his grandfather, his greatgrandfather, a chain going all the way back to Aaron. It's a Jewish law in genealogy. Also, a priest's sanctity seems concentrated in his death. garments; without the appropriate garb, a kohen may not participate in world not only monotheism, but commands the Israelites to build an

# Priests sanctified by prophets

the Temple ritual (B.T. Zevahim 7). A prophet, on the other hand, is not chosen because of genealogy, and the garments he wears need not have any significance. What he does have is a message - indeed, the very word navi means to speak out.

Throughout history, people have always turned to priests and prophets for ways to live in a changing world. Change reminds us of the ultimate change - our own ultimate disappearance. Thus, we seek ways to clutch at something. On the simplest level, religion provides this sense of continuity. After all, the

God of all religions is eternal. On Shabbat we make kiddush, chanting the same words our grand-. parents chanted. We light Sabbath candles, often using a candelabra that belonged to our grandmothers. We pray that our grandchildren will do the same. To participate in ritual means to participate in eternity. This is the bread and butter of every

But as Paul Tillich says, if the only reason I maintain a ritual is because my father and grandfather did, then this symbol will die a dull

Moreover, Judaism taught the

religion.

ethical monotheism. God's purpose was for the first Jew to command his children and household after him to "keep God's way, doing righteousness and justice" (Gen. 18:19).

Certainly, outer form is important, but no more than inner content. In addition to structure, there must be significance. Together with the external form of the priest must come the content of the prophet, the voice of ethics, morality and compassion in every situation.

Our portion Tzav opens with Moses instructing Aaron and his descendants as to the law of the burnt offering and the nature of the fire on the altar. "Thus there shall be a constant fire kept burning on the altar without being extinguished" (Lev. 6:6). This was the external fire of the priests. But there is also the internal fire of a prophet, "the fire pent up in his bones."

Technically speaking, the priest administered the sacrifices, keeping the fire on the altar alive. But in metaphoric terms, the prophet sacrificed his entire life to keep the fire "inside" the altar alive, inside the minds and hearts of the people. Prophets looked at the Temple

sacrifices as a means to an end. God

external structure so that He can dwell in their midst - in the midst of each Jew. Hence, prophets such as Isaiah thundered m front of the Temple itself that the sacrifices were of no value unless they fostered compassion for the underprivileged, and equality under the law for all segments of society.

.Thus, if the purpose of the external fire is to ignite the internal fire, it becomes clear that the sacrifices are not mere oribes to an omnipotent Deity. Rather, they must bring one close to a living God of morality and ethics, a God of love and compassion - to make us a sacred nation and a light unto the world.

Who, then, is more important to Israel? Since the second half of Exodus and virtually all Leviticus is devoted to the Temple and the priestly role, one might conclude that the priest's dominion over the prophet is self-evident.

Indication that the opposite is true - that indeed the prophet is more significant than the priest - can be discerned from the fact that Moses dresses, purifies and sanctifies Azron. Our portion opens with the Divine command to Moses, archetype of all prophets, to install Aaron, archetype of all priests, and

In effect, the prophet sanctifies the priest because Aaron's sanctity literally derives from Moses. By extension, this means that ritual is a means to an end, the end being the message of the prophet.

Etymologically, the word "sacrifice" means to "make sacred," but in Hebrew the word korban tells us that the offering is intended to bring us near (kiruv) to God.

If we only see the external fire.

we're missing the point. As the

prophet Isaiah declares, God hates

our sacrifices and rituals and holy days if they're not accompanied by moral and ethical action. When Moses dresses Aaron, his purpose is to teach us that the reason for all outer fires (priestly rituals) is to create a nation imbued

with the inner fire of morality and

Shabbat Shalom

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THE WEEK, THAT WAS

# An end to mourning?

By MICHAL YUDELMAN

The alacrity with which the television channels bounced back to their regular broadcasts, comedies and all, after last Friday's terrorist attack io Tel Aviv raised some eyebrows.

Up until then, the public had become accustomed to prolonged periods of mourning, led by the electronic media after every terrorist attack or major accident Apart from the necessary extended news coverage, this was not the case this time.

In the past, the sure sign of bad news was the cancellation of any comedy or talk show, and its replacement with something depressing. But if a scheduled movie was depressing already, it was changed anyway, just to con-fuse or annoy the viewers, or simply to proclaim "we know something happened and are proving we

know it by changing the schedule."
Some interpreted last Friday's media decision as reflecting Tel Aviv's resilience and determioation to return to routine.

In previous periods of mourning, Hortzufim would never have been aired. Yet last week they uncannily weaved the terrorist attack and the violent events into the central theme of the show, "The End of Oslo Celebrations."

### **REAL REASON**

Some haredi leaders have blamed various disasters, includ-

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16 Slips in impressions? (6)

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"GREEN LIGHT!"

SOME BODY SAID:

ing accidents involving children, on flawed mezuzot, as in the Habonim tragedy, or on not praying enough – one teacher's expla-nation of the Naharayim shooting.

It was inevitable, therefore, that a haredi sage would divine the reason for the terrorist attack on Cafe Apropo.

No, the reason was not Moslem fundamentalist terrorism, according to Agudat Yisrael's newspaper, Hamodia. It reported oo Sunday that Cafe Apropo is "a center for Sabbath desecration and for the display of statues and abóminations." Hamodia informed its readers that "two months ago, the owners brought to the restaurant courtyard an abominable statue, against the protest of residents and passersby." Several weeks ago, the restaurant was threatened by religious groups and told to remove the artwork - a female torso - "or else." The statue, apropos though clearly oot apotropaic emerged from the bomb damage without a single scratch.

### **VACANCY: UN ENVOY**

Since the elections nine months ago, and in these troubled times, Israel has no ambassador at the United Nations - and this under a prime minister who once held the

The appointment, which everyone agrees is erucially important, is stuck in the Prime Minister's Office, according to Foreign

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GAVE IT TO HAMAS:



David Bar-Illan denies he is candidate for UN ambassador. (Ariel Jerozolimski)

Ministry sources. However, Prime Minister's Office sources remind anyone who asks that Foreign Minister David Levy bas vetoed candidates proposed by the prime minister.

Some weeks after the election, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu offered the job to Dr. Yossi Olmert, who accepted. Olmert, sounding distinctly peeved, told Israel Radio this week he considers the post is still bis because I bave been told oothing to the contrary since it was offered." But Netanyahu apparently does not want Olmert in the UN bot seat, for fear the talented Middle East expert might gain

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Dr. Yossi Olmert considers the, position his. (Andre Britistann)

too much power and influence in New York. It is a position that affords all-too-easy access to New York's Jewisb elite, a source of beavy cootributors to the Israeli parties.

Olmert's brother, Jerusalem's mayor Ehud, also has strong connections in that milieu and the combination of the two Olmert brothers is a recipe for power that concerns Netanyahu.

Since he built his own policical and financial power hase there while UN ambassador, the last thing Netanyahu needs is the Olmert brothers doing the same. In any case, Foreign Ministry

gossip names the favorite candi-

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date of the Prime Minister's Office as senior policy adviser David Bar-Illan

Shoval the best candidate for the post but Levy bas vetoed him too. On the other hand, Levy himself is pushing oo one at all for this important high-visibility

Then there is the possibility of a favor.

weekly session when word arrived of the suicide bombing in Tel Aviv. The ministers still bad bill which will make Israel a Jewish oddity.

The Jewish state is the only

Conservative or Reform rabbis.

Conversion dooe in Israel

"The Israeli government doesn't have enough enemies so it has decided to declare war on the majority of world Jewry," said Ma'ariv columnist Tommy Lapid.

Jewish Agency chairman Avraham Burg called on the Knesset not to change the conversion law. He warned of a rift in the Jewish people and the alienation of world Jewry from Israel. miSure enough, the seniopleader of the world Conservative movement. Rabbi-Ismar Schorsch, this week demanded that the UJA allocate NIS 500 million to the Reform and Conservative movements in Israel and to organizations acting for ralism Refe Conservative Jews make up 90 percent of UJA contributors.

already begun earmarking their contributions in response to

nadonal unity government. That would generate a line of people kicked out of office to make room for Labor ministers. Netanyahu would owe at least one of them a

Only one thing everyooe agrees on. It is very, very important to have a UN ambassador...

The cahinet was sitting io time to proceed with approving a

would only be recognized if approved by the Chief Rabbinate. Reform and Conservative conversions, accepted all over the world, would be illegal if carried out, and Israel alone would oot recognize the qualifications of Reform and Conservative rabbis.

Some Jewish federations have Schorsch's appeal.

Bar-Illan says all this is "nonsense" and insists he is not a candidate, nor was be ever one. When his name was at one point mentioned, Levy disqualified it. Bar-Illan himself told Netanyahu that after all his years abroad he wants to settle down in Israel. Bar-Illan considers Zalman

### STATE OF THE JEWS

democratic state in the world which is preparing to deny recognition to Jews converted by

Schorsch told one paper that future historians will be hard pressed to explain wbat selfdestructive impulse persuaded the Zionist state to hand the mainly anti-Zionist rabbinate the monopoly on conversions in Israel.

### GRAPEVINE

# 97 years young

### By GREER FAY CASHMAN

veryone bas a birthday. acknowledged ✓Globe at the huge birthday basb - one in a month-long series – hosted by her daughter and son-in-law Rena and Emanuel Quint, "but none of you can catch up with me." According to ber birth certificate. Globe certainly bad seniority over each of the 100 or so guests. But although she is 97, she is certainly younger in looks and spirit than many of those

who came to celebrate with her. Straight-backed, elegantly dressed, clear-eyed and as humoronsly articulate as ever, Globe, an artist, author, eloquent supporter of agunot, former singer on New York Yiddish radio and ardeot activist in numerous organizations, commented that when she sold her family that she was thinking of retiring, one of ber granddaughters had responded, "you can't do that People retire when

they're 70 or 75. Acknowledging that she might have missed the retirement train, Globe, currently awaiting the publication of another book, is living proof that the secret of staying young is staying busy and involved. As always, she

own birthday cake and painted its surface with colored frostiog – this time a still life of apples. AMONG

baked ber

THOSE attending the Elton John: opening of Celebrating his the Cyprus 50th birthday. festival at the

Aviv Hiltoo was Greek ambassador Sotiris Varouxakis, who was disconcerted to discover that several people wbom be had invited to the Greek National Day celebrations the following eveniog had not received their invitatioos.

After taking care of that matter, Varouxakis persuaded Cypriot ambassador Petros Eftychiou, director of the Cyprus Tourism Organization, Louisa Varaclas, and Israel's ambassador to Cyprus Shemi for the event, to join in the spirited Greek folk dancing around the room. Many of the Israelis present were equally happy to let their nair down.

UP UNTIL this week, Moriel Alon was known to ber family, friends and colleagues. But now she's on the way to becoming a household name. This Herzliya bousewife was one of hundreds of people who entered a contest

launched by the salads division of Strauss Industries for Israel's best eggplant salad. Together with 49 other fioalists, she turned up with her. 11-year-old daughter Noa for a final tasting at the Dan Panorama hotel. Io a sense, the victory was Noa's because she entered the contest on her mother's behalf. Alon received a NIS 3.000 prize for her recipe, in addition to which her came will appear on the product as soon as it is ready to hit the shelves.

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SOON, EVEN people who don't :: know her will be able to boast that Leah Rabin is in their living room. A Dutch flower grower has developed a bloom which he oamed after Rabin and exhibited last week at the Aviv Flower Expo in Emek Hefer.

Rabin is not the only prominent Israeli woman to be bonored in such a manner. Visitors to Singapore's Botanical Garden can find an orchid oamed Aura Herzog.

EMOTION GOT the better of singer Boaz Sharahi when he visited Beit Levinstein to sing for wounded soldiers, in particular Lt. Avi Levi, who is a keen fan. Sharahi was so overcome that be all but lost his voice.

However, & bring some autographed recordings a o d

promised to return soon for a live performance.

IT.TOOK a Rabin, while, but lends her name the first photos of Michael to a new flower. (Ilan Osendryver)

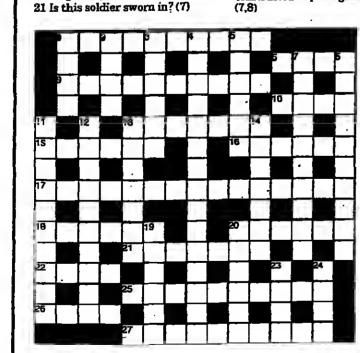
and Debbie Jackson's new baby boy hit the oewsstands this week, appearing in a cover-story coup for Britain's celebrity focus OK! magazine.

Leah

In a 10-page feature, the proud papa says that he wants his son to lead a oormal life. The infant doesn't look much like his mom, and coosideriog the extent to which his pop's face has been restructured, it's a little difficult to tell if there is a family resemblance.

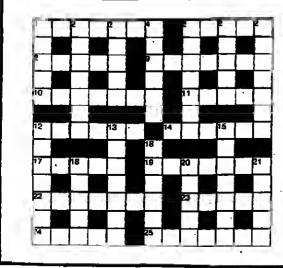
TIME CATCHES up with everyone. Elton John. hit bis half century this week, turning 50.

WOULD-BE thespians who can't land a decent role should take beart from Tom Cruise. In his first year as an actor, Cruise flunked every audioon - partly because be is dyslexic and partly because he wasn't considered sufficiently good-looking. But he persisted - and look where he



### SOLUTIONS

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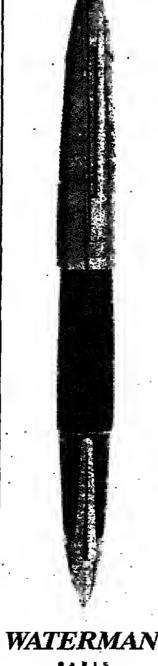
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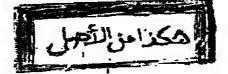
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# HIGH TECH

with Jennifer Friedlin

### Azimut receives NIS 2m. order

Azimut Technologies Ltd. of Ra'anana, received a NIS 2.2 million order for its car-tracking system from an undisclosed South American customer. Based on GPS technology, the cellular system allows companies to electronically keep track of their automotive fleets.

### Chief Scientist to help firms aiming abroad

Orna Berry, chief scientist at the Ministry of Industry of Trade, said that she will increase investments in 1997 in companies seeking to market their goods abroad. Berry said she is also putting special emphasis on start-ups headed by new immigrants. The chief scientist's 1997 budget is NIS 1.36 billion, 10% less than last year.

### Cisco to establish development center

Cisco Systems Ltd., a \$5b. manufacturer of multi-protocol internetworking systems, has announced plans to establish a development center in Israel James Richardson, president of Cisco Europe, is expected to discuss the center's expected size and location during a visit to Israel on April 9.

### CMS receives NIS 2m. from Orbotech

CMS Computerization and Measurement Systems, Hewlett Packard's local representative, has received a NIS 2.2m. order to supply Orbotech with HP workstations. Among the machines Orbotech selected are the C-180, which allows for 3-dimension-

### Comfy interactive to sell shares on TASE

Comfy Interactive Movies of Givatayim has filed a prospectus with the Israel Securities Authority to issue shares on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange. The company, which manufactures hardware and software designed for children 1-6 years old, said it expects to raise \$25m. - \$30m.

The offering, which will be the TASE's first one in six months, is being underwritten by Israel Brokerage and Investments Ltd. and Leader Securities Offerings Ltd.

### **Edusoft offers courses over the Internet**

Edusoft, a subsidiary of Degem Systems, is offeriog virtual classes through the Internet site, www.edusoft.co.il. The site contains 22 math and 21 physics courses that together offer more than 400 interactive lessons. For the first three months of operation, the site will be free to users. Based in Tel Aviv, Edusoft also develops and markets multimedia educational soft-

### European group seeks Israeli partners

Representatives from nine European concerns will visit here next week in an effort to find industrial and academic partners for a variety of high-tech joint ventures. The Industrial Center for Research and Development, in conjunction with the Chief Scientist's office, will conduct a two-day conference at the Dan-Acadia Hotel in Herzliya Pituali on April 2-3.

### Eventus Logistics releases MDP system

Eventus Logistics of Ramat Gan has announced the release of the Market Demand Planner, a system that forecasts companies' future demand and sales. The MDP integrates elements of mance reports and demand/sales filters, to help companies in inventory, production and distribution planning.

### Memco announces deals with European firms

Memco Software has announced agreements with four European distributors to integrate and market Memco's SeOS line of products. The four companies, the French Ares, the British Integralis, the Italian Selesta Integrazioni and the Dutch Syllogic B.V., join Astrom of Scandinavia and Emprise of Germany as Memco's European resellers. Based in Tel Aviv. Memco develops security software that is designed to protect and manage information in an open elient/server environment

### M-Systems appoints former Sony VP as CEO

M-Systems Flash Disk Pioneers Ltd. has announced the appointment of Charles Schouw as president and CEO of M-Systems Inc., the company's US subsidiary, which handles sales and marketing in North America. Prior to joining M-Systems, Schouw was vice president of sales for Sony Corporation of America. He was in charge of the semiconductor market and increased semiconductor sales from \$2m\_ in 1985 to \$300m\_ in 1996. M-Systems develops software and hardware data storage solutions based on flash memory technology.

### Orckit wins 'Byte' award

Orckit Communications Ltd. won Byte magazine's "Best Communications Hardware" award for its xDSL FastInternet concentrator, during the CeBit trade show which recently took place in Germany. The xDSL is a digital signal processing device used in routing modern and Internet traffic. Orckit was chosen from among such finalists as 3Com.

### 3Com to bundle Check Point's software

3Com recently announced an agreement to bundle Check Point Software Technologies Ltd.'s security console with its software. According to the agreement, the companies agreed to assure compatibility between Check Point's open platform for secure enterprise connectivity framework and 3Com's Netbuilder firewall. In addition, 3Com will ship an evaluation copy of Check Point's management console with every Nerbuilder router sold.

Based in Ramat Gan, Check Point's Firewall-1 held 44% of the firewall market in the first half of 1996. 3Com of Redwood City, California, is one of the largest and fastest growing data networking companies.

### Foreign banks use local currency in China

foreign banks in Shanghai yester-day opened for local Chinese currency business for the first time since the Communist takeover in 1949, a significant step in the opening op of the Chinese econo-

my, bankers said. One of the first year accounts year business by the end of was opened by the British Consul-March. General Warren Townend, who deposited an auspicious 888.88 yuan (\$107) in a checking account with the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corp. Eight is considered

a lucky number in China. The Shanghai branch of the system.

SHANGHAI (Reuter) - Two Industrial Bank of Japan said it signed pre-agreements with two Japanese firms, Hitachi and Matsushita to take in yuan deposits. Bank of Tokyo-Musubishi's deputy general man-ager in Shanghai, Tsotomn Hiroe, said his bank would also begin

But bankers said the scale of the business would be very small in the initial stages, and it would probably take years before foreign banks could establish a significant presence in China's huge banking

# Clal Israel profits drop 45%

Clal Industries' Rosen quits after three months in office

### By CALIT LIPKIS BECK

Clal Israel reported a loss for the fourth quarter of 1996, its first quarterly loss in more than seven years, amid top-level musical chairs which are unrelated to the resplits, and a surprising resigna-tion announcement by Clai Industries general manager Yossi Rosen, three months after his appointment

The company reported a net loss of NIS 1.3 million, compared with a net profit of NIS 49m. in the final quarter of 1995. Net profits for all of 1996 plunged 45% to NIS 112m. from NIS 204m, in

The annual results include capital losses of NIS 102.6m. and capital gains of NIS 73.3m. The losses primarily stemmed from the drop in the share values of Scitex, Sunfrost, Kitan, Cables of Zion, Clal Trade, and US pharmaceuti-cal concern PRI, along with other one-time provisions.

The capital losses and provi-

sions were recorded in the fourth quarter, following the appointment of new managers to Clai and Clai

By HAIM SHAPIRO

American botel chain, is com-

ing to Israel, company represen-

The US-chain is expected to

announce an agreement with the

Israel Lands Development Corporation to bold the fran-

Cyprus. ILDC has four botels

organized as the Israel Resort

Hotels chain, which are appar-

ently going to become part of

Eric Pfeffer, president of HFS,

the New Jersey-based bolding

company which includes, in

addition to Howard Johnson, the

Days Inn, Ramada and Park Inn

chains. HFS last year had an annoal turnover of \$800 million,

generated from some 4,200 hotels io dozens of countries.

On Sunday, the two companies are expected to announce the

results of negotiations with

additional three- and four-star

hotels in Israel and elsewhere in

the region. Under the Howard

Johnsoo framework, IRH

iotends to expand to seven

hotels with some 1,500 rooms

by the end of oext year.
Two years agn, HFS brought

the Days Inn chain to Israel.

That chain oow has six hotels

here with 750 rooms. Days Inn

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Yitzhak Kaul

Leon Recanati officially took over as chairman from Avi Olshansky yesterday and Yitzhak Kaul formally took over from David Wainshal as president and

Meanwhile, Rosen announced his decision to resign. He intends to continue in his previous position as head of the Mashav holding company jointly controlled by

Clai's controlling shareholder,



David Wainshal

the IDB Group, appointed Rosen in serve as general manager of Clal Industries for a six month trial period during which he would cononue to manage Mashav. At his request, it was agreed that he would then decide whether to continue to head Clal, which would involve his leaving Mashav.

The IDB Group appointed in restructure Clai Industries and its subsidiary Clal Electronics Industries, which have for IDB in recent years. Clal Industries announced a 68 plunge in net earnings last year, to NIS

It was agreed that both Kaul and Roseo would serve as general managers of Clal, with Rosen managing the industrial activity and Kaul the rest of Clal's busi-

The strategie plan recently approved for Clal Industries directs the company to gradually operate as a flexible investment company, which is active as a financial partner in its investments, but does not strive to gain control of its investments," Rosen said in his letter of resignation. This plan, while it is strategically right for Clal does not take advantage of my experience and my preferences and does not enable me to express my managerial experience and the managerial challenges that I had hoped for upon receiving the position."

Rosen said Mashav faces a number of strategical challenges this year. He said his contribution to the Clal Group will be greater in

### Generali wants to meet MKs over Holocaust policies

### By DAVID HARRIS

Italian insurance company Assicurazioni Generali yesterday offered to meet members of the Knesset Finance Committee to discuss the company's response to claims it failed to pay out on insurance policies of Holocaust victims. Generali's legal representative in Israel, Amihud Ben-Porat, said his

company would be prepared to send representatives to discuss the matter but without preconditions and behind closed doors.

Committee chairman Avraham Ravitz (United Torah Judaism) invited company officials to meet him and other MKs to determine whether a "geotlemen's agreement" can be reached. Ben-Porat refused to allow family representatives to attend part of the meeting.

Other MKs attending yesterday's committee meeting were much harsher in criticizing the alleged lack of action by Generali, Michael Kleiner (Likud-Gesher), wbo chairs the insurance sub-committee described Generali's attitude as "intolerable" and advised the company that it is making a serious mistake, given that is beginning to do business here. Several months ago Generali bought Migdal Insurance from Bank Leumi for more than \$300 million.

Kleiner reiterated that until the Treasury intervenes in the issue, he, together with Avraham Herschson (Likud) and Nissim Dahan (Shas), will continue to vote against the Treasury in the committee, giving the opposition an effective majori-

Kleiner and Avner Shaki (National Religious Party) called on the company to place advertisemeots throughout Israel, Europe and the US asking anyone with outstanding policies to come forward. In response to the company's contention that the family members did not follow the correct legal procedures in making the claims, Shaki argued, "If countries are prepared to forget about the rules, why can't Generali just do the deceot

Yitzhak Cohen (Shas) called on Insurance Commissioner Doroo Shorer to force the company to act, saying Generali had a legal obligation to its clients and if policies went missing the company had a duty to replace them.

"If Shorer won't do something, then I'll introduce legislation to the Knesset," he said.

However, Shorer said he did not believe there is a legal way to help the families. It is far too late to take this type of action 50 years later. Shorer said. He also said that the issue of the policies and the sale of Migdal are totally unrelated.

Bank Leumi denied any prior knowledge of the policy issue. "We signed the Migdal deal in Joly 1996, and were only approached by letter for the first time [about the policies] in late September," said Leumi board member Zvi Iskowitz.

Meanwhile, the 50-plus families, represented by lawyer Elisheva Ansbacher, are considering launching a class-action suit against the company here.
"We are collating a great deal of information and working in coop-

eration with lawyers in England and Italy. If the company continues refusing to reach an agreement we will take this to court, even to the Supreme Court,"

### **Sydney Olympics IPO falls short** Howard Johnson Stadium Australia still needs millions By KEVIN MORRISON package includes two priority seats and membership privi-The Stadium float flup comes SYDNEY (Reuter) - The conhard on the heels of the resignation of SOCOG chief executive sortium building the Sydney Mal Hemmerling, although they 2000 Olympics stadium closed the books on an innovative were unrelated. Hemmerling

hotels come financing scheme yesterday and left its underwriters the task of to Israel making up a massive funding shortfall.

Stadium Australia bas been left facing the shortfall after investors shunned its A\$364.4 million (US\$286.05m.) public sbare offer.

Analysis and Australian media put the shortfall at up to A\$240m., which would make it one of Australia's biggest share flops and mean big losses for the four firms which underwrote the

closed later yesterday.

Sydocy Organizing Committee Olympic Games (SOCOG) president Olympics minister Michael Knight agreed yesterday that there was likely to be a shortfall for the Stadium Australia float,

"It is oot a direct concern to either the government or to SOCOG, although obviously we would prefer that the Stadium float was better subscribed than is apparently the ease," Knight told reporters at a press confer-

was replaced by bureaucrat Sandy Hollway, who worked for former prime minister Bob Hawke.

The Stadium Australia offer has been open for almost six months, more than twice as long as most share offers.

Its offer of 34,400 gold packages at A\$10,000 each and 600 platinum passes at A\$33,000 each opened on October 7 and its closing date bas been extended twice due to a lack of

· Australian stockbrokers said However, a spokes woman for Stadium Australia said they Nobody is going to buy just expect to release the results of the float late next week, even though the issue officially closed later vertex day.

Sydney-based broker said. An Australian's average annual income is about A\$36,000.

"Not many people can speod that sort of money, particularly if there is no guarantee on what events are going to be held there after the Olympics," the broker

The gold packages include a seat at every stadium session of the 2000 Olympic Games, stadium membership for 30 years and 1,000 sbares in the stadium company itself. The platinum

"It was a risk taken by the private sector fully, underwritten by the private sector and the large merchant banks bave indi-

cated ... that they would meet any shortfall," Knight said. The four underwriters are ANZ Securities, Deutsche Morgan Greofell, Macquarie Bank Ltd and ABN AMRO Hoare Govett.

"If there is a shortfall, [and] that appears to be the case, after today they will still bave a considerable period of time to trade their way out of trouble," Knight

The uoderwriters must fund the project regardless of whether all the packages are sold thus guaranteeing the completion of the 110,000-seat stadium, which is due to opeo in 1999 at a cost of A\$660m.

The mooey is absolutely guaranteed, the stadium coostruction is rocketing ahead and will not be affected in any way by the difficulties the uoderwriters are facing in recooping the money," Knight said. The stadium is being built by a

coosortium led by private Australian construction group Multiplex Coostructions Pty Ltd, British investment bank Hambros Ple and Japanese building cootractor Obayasbi

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Japanese yen (100)	2.8907	2.7341	2.84	2.78	2.7205
Dutch florin	1.7500	4	1.72	1.82	1.7782
Swiss tranc	2.2820	2.3189	2.24	2.36	2.3071
Swedish krone	0.4383	0.4454	0.43	0.48	0.4437
Norwegian krone	0.5010	0.5091	0.49	0.52	0.5080
Danish krone	0.5190	0.5274	0.51	0.54	0.5248
Finnish mark	0.8672	0.6780	0.85	0.68	0.6742
Canadian dollar	2.4246	2.4838	2.38	2.50	2.4453
Australian dollar	26165	2.6588	2.57	2.70	2.6352
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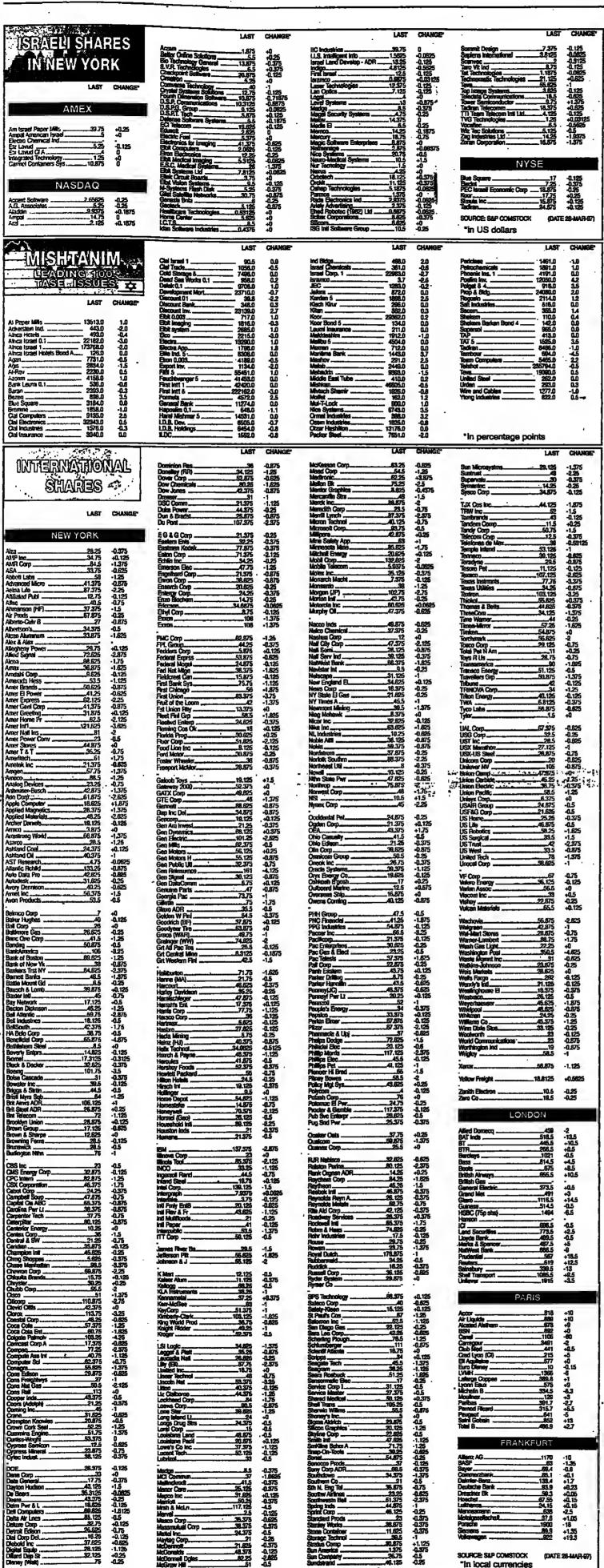
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TASE ROUNDUP

# Stocks little changed

Mishtanim

242.95 🛦 +0.09%

Shares were little changed yesterday, led by drops in Bank Hapoalim and Bank Leumi, offset

By JESSICA STEINBERG

and ROBERT DANIEL

hy a jump in Bezeq.

The Mishtanim Index edged up 0.09 percent to 242.95, while the Maof Index added 0.02% to 250.88. Both the Mishtanim and Maof fell 1.2% from the previous

Several analysts said a number

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Key Representative	Rates
US Dollar NIS 8.3610	- 0.27%
Sterling NIS 5.4863	+ 0.51%
Mark	+ 0.38%

NEW YORK MARKET INDEXES

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of issues in the Maof Index dropped yesterday hecause options traders are selling

shares. Across the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, NIS 165 million of shares traded. That's 68% more than the month's daily average of NIS 98.4m. and 15% greater than the year's daily average of NIS 143.4m.

Clal Israel Ltd. reported a fourth-quarter loss of NIS 1.3m. It also said Joseph Rosen resigned as chief executive of subsidiary Clal Industries, and Leon Recanati would succeed Avi Olshansky as chairman of Clal Israel.

Parent Clal's shares were unchanged from the previous day's close of NIS 90.5. Clal 250.88 🛦 +0.02%

Electronics shares rose 0.5 to NIS
323.43. Clal Industries shares dropped 0.25 to NIS 15.76.

Isaac Kaul, former president of Bezeq, is to become Clal's chief executive at the beginning of April. Clal is due to begin comper-

ing with Bezeq shortly.

Bezeq shares rose 3.5% to NIS

Koor yesterday reported fourthquarter operating profit fell 16%. Koor shares rose 0.25% to NIS 293.62. Osem shares fell 0.75% to NIS 18.25.

On the Mishtanim Index, Azorim rose 1% to NIS 41.58 and Electra Israel added 1% to NIS 132.9. Ormat shares rose 3.25% to NIS 3.88. Polgat shares were up 3.5% to NIS 9.16. (Bloomberg)

### **WORLD MARKET REPORT**

### Markets see mild gains

LONDON (Reuter) - Here is how major stock markets outside the United States ended yesterday LONDON - The UK's leading blue-chip index ended a holidayshortened week on a firmer note, bolstered by tax-year-eod trading and end-of-quarter window dressing, dealers and strategists said. The benchmark FTSE 100 share index closed 11.4 points higher at 4.312.9 up 58.1 since last week. FRANKFURT - German DAX

ends the last bourse session before Easter break with mild gains, all due to the catcb-up effect from post-bourse dealings Wednesday, when Daimler-Benz unexpectedly issued strong figures for 1996. Uncertainty before Easter capped gains, worry on more US rate rises in market.

The DAX index ended up 10.93 points at 3,429.05 a rise of 130.81 since last Friday. In post-bourse trade the index was down 31.39 at

PARIS - Weakness on Wall Street and soggy US Treasuries clipped some of the gains on the CAC index yesterday, traders said. Earlier, the blue-chip index soared just over one percent, pulled by the expiry of March futures and options contracts. The blue-chip CAC-40 index closed up 7.95 points or 0.3 percent at 2,656.68 a rise of 69.55 from last

ZURICH - A rally in a few major blue chips such as Nestle, Swiss Re and Roche helped Swiss 35.9 on the week.

shares end a shortened session higher. But apart from those hlue chips, the market was mostly mixed, one trader noted. Some shares profited from favourable. results and technical factors, others were pressured by an easing. US dollar, he added. The all-share Swiss Performance Index ended up 27.08 points, or 0.93 percent, at 2,946.25 up 91.69 since last

TOKYO - Tokyo stocks ended sharply lower yesterday, joited by a fall in bank shares triggered by news that Nippon Credit Bank Ltd (NCB) is working out a restructuring plan which may include the sale of its main office in Tokyo. The 225-share Nikkei average closed 262.03 points or 1.42 per-cent down at 18,210.42 a drop of 422.74 from last Friday.

HONG KONG - Hong Kong stocks skidded to a sharply lower close yesterday after a government move to curb soaring real estate prices rocked property counters. The Hang Seng Index tumbled 242.07 points, or 1.89 percent, to close at 12,534.32 up 45.02 from a

week ago. SYDNEY - Australian stocks ended a shortened trading session stronger yesterday, boosted by a two percent rally in miner RTZ Corp. Plc-CRA Ltd., quarter-end book-squaring and a buoyant gold sector. The All Ordinaries index closed up 18 points at 2,422.3 up

### WALL STREET REPORT

# Dow off 140 points

NEW YORK (Reuter) - Blue-chip stocks plummeted yesterday as-Wall Street was shaken anew by concern over rising interest rates and the prospect of competition for stocks from bonds.

Based on early and unofficial data, the Dow Jones industrial average closed down 140.11 points, or 2.04 percent, at 6,740.59 after being down more than 216 in late afternoon.

In the broader market, declining issues swamped advances 4-1 on active volume of 480 million shares on the New York Stock Exchange.

### ROSS

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the peace process. Moratinos, who is scheduled to meet Arafat tomorrow, promised to pass on the message and to speak to the secretary of the Arab League about modifying commit-tee statements against Israel.

Levy said the Palestinian riots in response to the huilding in Har Homa were "only an alihi. Every time Israel doesn't fulfill the Palestinians' expectations, which exceed the Osio Accords; they respond with violence and terror-

The Jerusalem Committee, headed hy Morocco's King Hassan II, is made up of 14 countries plus the PA. Both the king and Arafat were expected to give opening addresses.

Arafat has said the meeting

"will constitute an occasion for Moslems to reaffirm the priority they give to the cause of Jerusalem."

Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa said on his arrival Wednesday that Har Homa "is a destruction to the peace process which we all try to salvage."

Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Shara sounded an expectedly tougher tone, calling on countries to freeze their ties with Israel and stop all dealings with it. This is the minimum they should do by this meeting."

The Saudi Arabian newspaper Asharq Al-Awsat, quoting a diplomatic source, said the ineetmg was expected to study a call hy the Organization of the Islamic Conference to suspend relations with Israel until it stops the Har Homa construction.

The Organization of the Islamic Conference made the call at a summit in Pakistan last Sunday.

### **SUICIDES** Continued from Page 1

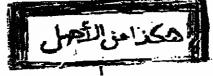
that they went to the house and Rio found the bodies. When he came out he was as white as a sheet," he said.

They octified police. A Web site that NBC said was apparently designed hy Higher Source described the group's desire to leave Earth and rendezvous with a spaceship behind the comer.

"The joy is that our Older Member in the Evolutionary Level above buman (the 'Kingdom of Heaven') has made

it clear to us that Hale-Bopp's approach is the marker we've been waiting for ... Our 22 years of classroom here on planet Earth is finally coming to conclusion—
graduation from the Human
Evolutionary Level. We are happily prepared to leave this world
and go with Tr's crew, the Heaveo's Gate Web site reads.

There is no information on the Heaven's Gate Web site that connects it to the Higher Source group. The Heaven's Gate Web site also contains an entry against suicide for people who are not part of the group, though it said suicide was an acceptable way for cult members to ascend to a higher level of life.



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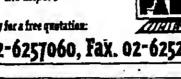
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Members of the Knesset Finance Committee, led by chairman Avraham Ravitz (seated), have a go at driving a train in Tel Aviv yesterday. From right are National Infrastructure Ministry Director-General Giora Rom, MK Amnon Rubinstein (Meretz) MK Ophir Pines (Labor) and Israel Railways director-general Amos Uzani.

# Jewish directors of Swiss fund named

By MARILYN HENRY

Undersecretary Commerce Stuart Eizenstat, MK Avraham Herschson (Likud). and author Elie Wiesel have been proposed as the Jewish directors of the Swiss Holocaust humanitarian fund, the Swiss Jewish Federation (SIG) said

yesterday. The fund, which will allocate some SFr 285 million to needy survivors, will have seven mem-

bers, four Swiss.

Yesterday's announcement came from SIG president Rolf Bloch, who will take the fourth Swiss seat, striking a balance between the Swiss and the Jewish representatives.

The directors must be approved by the government in Bern, which is expected to name the Swiss members next week. SIG director Martin Rosenfeld

said it is not clear why the announcement had been delayed. We are astonished that this is tak-

ing a long time," he said.

The private fund was started last month with contributions from the three leading Swiss banks. It has since gotten contributions from the Swiss National Bank and

Swiss industry, Eizenstat, who heads the US task force conducting the American historical review of Nazi gold, said earlier this week that the Clinton administration believes a "significant amount" of the humanitarian fund should be used to aid survivors in Central

and Eastern Europe.

### French panel to probe siezed Jewish assets

PARIS (AP) - The government named a panel on Wednesday to investigate the fate of Jewish prop-erty confiscated during World War seeking to end France's "heavy

silence" on the issue. The eight-member committee which includes leading Nazi hunter Serge Klarsfeld, will research which Jewish holdings were seized during the war and

what happened to them afterward.

difficult and take time," Prime Minister Alain Juppe said during "That's nothing surprising after so many years of heavy silence."

French youth must "learn or relearn history, and not try to rewrite it," Juppe said. Calls for such an investigation

have increased since July 1995,

when President Jacques Chirac

"Your mission, I must, will be acknowledged that France was responsible for the deportation of thousands of Jews to Nazi death the inauguration ceremony. camps. Recently publicized documents show that the Vichy government, which collaborated with the Nazis during World War II, and the occupying German forces systematically confiscated the belongings of 75,000 Jews deported from France to Nazi death camps. Only

2,500 of them survived.

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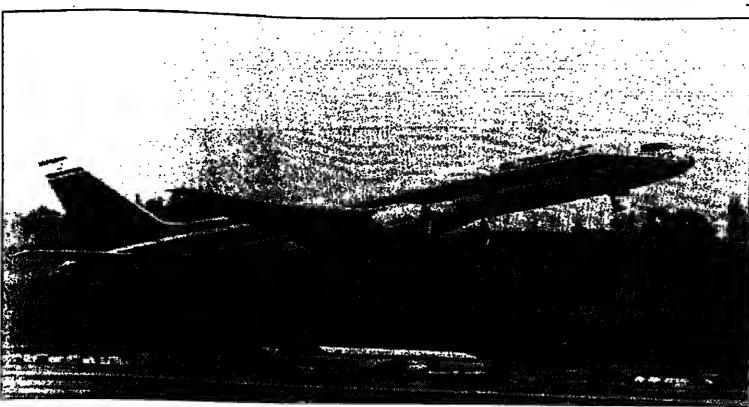
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El Al's new Boeing 757, which the company took delivery of this week.

# El Al picks up leased 757

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

El Al brought home its new \$55 million Boeing 757 on Wednesday, the eighth to join the fleet, but the first to be leased instead of purchased. The medium-to-long-range jetliner is expected to see service between Israel and European cities.
General Manager Joel

Feldschuh said leasing was the best option for El Al at this time, when flexibility is needed.

"All the airlines in the world are leasing some of their aircraft. It gives you better flexibility and is easier on your balance sheets," Feldschuh said, after accepting delivery of the new aircraft in Seattle, Washington. Most airlines now lease an average of 40 percent of their jets.

"Airline costs are going up but airfares haven't gone up at the

same rate. The profit margin is much less then it used to be. So airlines don't have the cash to go out an buy the planes it wants." said company spokesman Nachman Klieman, who noted that fuel costs rose by 30 percent but ticket prices only went up 7

El Al is leasing the plane for three years with an option to extend the lease or buy it from the International Lease and Finance Corporation. John Pluger, chair-man of ILFC, said they purchased the new plane from Boeiog and immediately leased it to El Al. ILFC is the world's second-largest handler of leased planes.

Feldscbuh added that El Al has no planes on order now, but that the company is examining pur-chasing possibilities, including bringing a European Airbus into its all-Boeing fleet. "We have not yet finalized our analysis for future acquisitions." Feldschuh said. That decision is expected to be made in May. El Al's sleek new jet comes fol-

lowing a winter in which it cut 20 percent of its schedules, and following a year in which it lost \$80 million. Company officials admitted that the 757 was ordered 18 months ago, during a boom in tourism here. But they expect the current downturn to turn around, starting with Pessah and Easter and followed by a busy summer.

"Optimism is the name of the game, you buy a new plane you have to fill it. To do so you start markeong and competing," said Klieman. "An increased number planes in the fleet allows us to increase frequency. It's always easier to plan bigger and cut back than the opposite.

Klieman said he didn't believe last week's suicide bombing in Tel Aviv and the unrest in the territories would bave much of an immediate effect, since those coming now are visiting their families for the holidays or traveling for religious reasons. "Passover looks very good and strong," he said. With the addition of the new

757, El Al now has 27 aircraft in service. The average age of the aircraft in its fleet is about 11 years, lower than the industry average of 17.

The 757-258ER ("ER" stands for extended range) holds 182 passengers in business and tourist

Klieman said the new jet will belp deal with the expected boom in Christian tourism during the run-up to the year 2000. El Al carries 45 to 47 percent of all traffic to and from Israel.

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The peace process, notes Rekhess, enhanced the process of Israelization among the country's Arabs. "Once Israel recognized' the Palestinians as a oation it was easier for Israeli Arabs to accept the fact that they are a Palestinian minority in a Jewish state. They became more involved in the country's economy, in fighting for

At the same time, however, the process also deepened their Palestinian identity. "We're seeing a very interesting trend," says Rekhess. "Israeli Arabs are

becoming more Palestinian but in a different way than in the '70s or '80s. Then, their nationalist sentimeot was expressed by calls for a Palestinian state and demands that Israel recognize the PLO. What they say now is that if Israel has recognized the legitimate national rights of the Palestinian people-inthe territories then what about us?-We're also part of the Palestinian .

Palestinian within the green line. They demand that the government. hand over the extensive Wakf property it is holding to the Moslem community, that it give municipal status to some 40 Arab settlements that have sprung up since 1948, that it permit 'internal

refugees' who tled to Arab villages elsewhere in Israel in 1948 to return to their original villages, most of which have been displaced by kibbutzim or moshav-MK Dahamshe, asked which

direction Israeli Arabs are headed, replied this week, "We are going "Israelization without quesin-the direction of being good tion he said in a line of large good to he said in a large good to he large good to he said in a larg integration. The government doesn't give us equal rights and does not make us feel accepted. "They have become nationally Nevertheless, we are citizens and we will demand equal rights."

Journalist Mashour says that Israeli Jews should not be alienated by Land Day. "They should see it as something belonging to a minority that doesn't endanger them or tosult them. If I were a Jew, I think Land Day would

make me want to know more about this community. We Arabs know more about the Jews than they do about us." Which trend did he think was dominant today amoog Israeli Arabs
Israelization or Palestinization?

more and more Israeli and distance ourselves more from the Arab world. This is a new creation taking shape, an Arab Israeli or Palestinian Israeli, iodependent but in the direction of decoming part of the state."

On Sunday, this community in transition takes to the streets and hills in a massive acting out of one side - or is it both? - of its dual

### **BARAK** Continued from Page 11

Netanyahu's "from the hip" proposal to skip over the tedium of stages in the interim Oslo agreements and get straight to the permanent Palestinian settlement. "Anyone with eyes in his head can see this will lead to an explosion. Seven months it took [Netanyahu] to open up Shuhada Street. Can you actually picture this man solving the most crucial issues - final borders, settlements, Jerusalem, and the right of return - in six months? It's all word games and deception.

"I don't know what he really wants. I can't really explain the logic behind his actions. Clearly he's heading for a cnl-de-sac. Perhaps he wants the Americans to mediate? The problem is, the American map of the region is more like Arafat's than ours."

REGARDING last week's terrorist attack in Tcl Aviv, Barak said that if the government had a real warning that Arafat had given a "green light" to Hamas, it should have done something about it.

"If they had time to notify Clinton and Albright, they should have found time to advise Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo and Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert. And to impose a closure on the territories - everything they did

after the attack in Tel Aviv." Barak marvels at what be calls

Netanyahu's ability to do everything and its opposite at the same time: "It's a government of magicians. He carries out the Oslo agreement, he gives away pieces of Eretz Yisrael, yet at the same time he turns Arafat into the world's favorite and unites the whole world against us.

"He's even managed to put Jerusalem at the top of the agenda. Look at Har Homa. Has that strengthened us? It has weakened Israel's status and united the world behind the Arab position. He has ruined the trust between Israel and the Palestinians, the very foundation on which everything rested."

In fact, said Barak, since the day he was elected Netanyahu has done nothing. "Once you lose trust, you lose your credibility. He says to them 'that's all I can give,' then he folds under pressure. This tempts the Palestinians to inflame the situation, in the hope of obtaining more from Netanyahu

under pressure. "Yitzhak [Rabin] radiated the courage of his convictions. Netanyahu radiates feebleness. Everything falls to bits in his hands and we are getting weaker

at every step."
Far from breaking up the talks and severing relations, Barak advocates the immediate renewal of contacts at the very top with Arafat, King Hussein and President Hosni Egyptian Mubarak. "Everything possible must be done to rebuild confidence.

### PERES -Continued from Page 11

note that not long ago Peres vehemently rejected the notion of skipping over Oslo's interim phases, whereas now he is quite willing to coolly weigh the idea. The reason for what they insist is Peres's about-turn, they say, is that it will allow him to now argue that one cannot leave such fateful negotiadons in Netanyahu's hands and that he and Labor must rush to the nation's rescue and into the Netanyahu government.

On the Peres side all this is dismissed as paranoia. MK Shevah Weiss, the party's resident political scientist, agrees. "I don't think there are actual concrete contacts towards nadonal unity. It might happen after the Bar-On affair, but at the moment it's gossip which does a lot of people a lot of good and that is why it is so constantly and energeocally circulated.

"Netanyahu uses it to keep the political Right at bay. Peres derives prestige because he is perceived as being in the thick of things and his opponents make capital out of the bysteria they generate." To his mind, "Labor is shrouded in an atmosphere of distrust and sinister plots. Part of it may be because we are not so much in the news anymore so we

manufacture news.... Much of what goes on in Labor is personal. Maybe all of it is. It is an Armageddon of personalities and egos. There is really no party any more. To a large extent it's all a result of the system of direct elecoons. We pushed for it and now we are reaping the bitter harvest."

To this, he observes, "should be added the bitter dejection which still persists after the totally needless, embarrassing, insulting and stupid loss of last year's elections. There is also a lack of continuity. Once we knew that it was either Rabin or Peres at the top and now we have a contest about which I fail to discern any great enthusiasm. There is a sense of impotence and frustration everywhere."

Weiss, who composed Labor's official postmortem analysis on the election campaign, suggests that many of the demons now plaguing the party "could have been avoided had Peres done after his electoral defeat what Rabin would have in the same situation. Rabin would have put all of his critics in their place if io Machiavellian manner they pinned all the blame for the electoral loss on him, as they so

unfairly did on Peres. "He should have told them that they were a bunch of dilettantes who wasted millions in campaign funds and misled him with opti-

mistic predictions which is why he can't leave the party to their like. Not having done this, Peres's situation is sad. He remains the most talented leader Labor has but no one bas the guts to tell bim to stay and some are afraid that he is not leaving. It's a patheoc farewell and it fuels much of the tension and pernicious suspicion."

The Peres-for-party-president idea is a case in point. It is in fact Weiss's brainchild and not something which party secretary-general Nissim Zvilli brought into the world. Weiss, who heads the steering committee for the upcoming party convencion in May, assumes that Peres will be given a role not unlike that of Willy Brandt in the German Social Democratic Party after he stepped down as chancel-

Peres, Weiss attests, "was fully in the picture so far as the proposal was concerned. It was cooked up with his complete agreement." This did not stop Peres sidekick MK Dalia Itzik from immediately branding the notion "a terrible insult to Peres, a slap in the face which he doesn't deserve. His public stature does not depend on

PERES CAN be the president of the state and not the party president, whatever that is. He is the world's greatest statesman and

such ersatz otles are base and belittling for a figure of his standing." But her reaction was nothing compared to the shrill outcry in the Barak camp, where it was in no ome suspected that "this could be a concoction geared to make it impossible for Barak to function as party leader even if elected to the position," as MK Avraham Shobat put it. "Chances are that this won't end up as an innocent honorary otle and Labor will end up with two heads - a president and a chairman - who will pull in opposite directons."

Like him MK Ori Orr foresees a situation in which "the president and the chairman stick spanners in the works to foil each other. More than anything this proposal comes to usurp the leadership from the eventual winner of the present

Off the record, Barak's loyalists were far less restrained. Party president Peres, they charged, will roam the corners of the globe claiming to represent Labor and he will exploit the otle - whether or not it comes with a clearly defined brief - to pull Labor into a national unity government even after June 3. There is no telling what the indefatigable Peres will do or what he is up to, warn Barak's flustered backers, as they anxiously keep their eye on that

# Detroit battles its way past Colorado

DETROIT (AP) - Darren McCarty scored 39 seconds into overtime Wednesday night as the Detroit Red Wings took a fightfilled 6-5 victory over the Colorado Avalanche.

The Red Wings' lone victory in four meetings with the defending North American NHL champions was also the 300th career victory for Detroit goalie Mike Vernon, who squared off with Colorado's Patrick Roy in the biggest of several brawls during the bitter con-

Wednesday marked the first time Lemieux had played in Detroit since he decked the Red Wings' Kris Draper with a backside cross check in last year's playoffs. The hit resulted in Draper undergoing major facial and oral surgery and Lemieux being suspended for the first two games of the Stanley Cup

Canadiens 8, Penguins 5 In Montreal, the Canadiens spoiled Mario Lemieux's probable last NHL appearance in his home-town, beating Pittsburgh 8-5 despite two goals and three assists by the Penguins' superstar. Lemieux fought back tears as the

sellout crowd of 21,273 stood and cheered after Lemieux made it 8-4 at 15:59 of the final period. The Montreal naove got another ovaoon when he scored the game's last goal past Jocelyn Thibault on a power play with 52 seconds left.
The Canadiens scored five times

in the first period for the win on what was expected to be Lemieux's final game in Montreal. Lemieux has said he would prob-

ably retire after this season. Lemieux, who has rivaled Wayne Gretzky as the NHL's top player for 13 seasons, ended a career-bigh three-game stretch without a point

with three assists in the second

period. His goalless streak ended

at seven games as well.
Wednesday's games: N.Y. Islanders 3.
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TIGHT DEFENSE - Doug West of the Minnesota Timberwolves (left) drives under the basket against Denver Nuggets's Ervin Johnson in Wednesday's NBA action.

# Mourning returns, leads heat with 26 points

MIAMI (AP) - Alonzo Mourning made a successful return to the Miami Heat's starting lineup Wednesday night, scoring 26 points as the Heat posted their seventh straight victory, 101-88 over the Sacramento Kings.

Tim Hardaway also scored 26 for Miami. Mitcb Richmond paced Sacramento with 32, while Billy Owens added 17.

The Kings have lost 10 of their last 11 and seven in a row on the road.

Mourning was in the starting lineup for the first time since Feb. 21, when be tore a tendon in his right foot. He missed 13 games before scoring 21 points in 33 minutes as a reserve in Miami's 113-108 win Sunday over the Timberwolves in Minnesota.

The Heat had a 9-4 record while Mourning was out. Nets 123, Sixers 105 In East Rutherford, New Jersey,

Jim Jackson tied his season-high with 28 points and Tony Massenburg matched his career-high with 26 for New Jersey. The 123 points tied the Nets' season

Hours before the game, NBA commissioner David Stem fined Nets coach John Calipari \$25,000 for calling newspaper sports writer Dan Garcia of the a "Mexican idiot." The comment after a practice last week was preceded by an expleove.

The fine was the largest ever against an NBA coach, and it marked the first time the league punished non-game related speech. Calipari said after the game he would not contest the fine. Jerry Stackhouse had 20 to pace

**Bullets 105, Celtics 92** 

Tracy Murray scored a season-high 24 points and Rod Strickland had a season-high 17 assists as the Bullets inched closer to a playoff berth.

Chris Webber scored 14 of his 26 points in the fourth quarter for the Bullets, who now trail idle, eighthplace Cleveland by 2 1/2 games in Eastern Conference. Washington has won six of eight

Eric Williams led Boston, which has dropped four straight and 25 of 27, with 24 points. The Celtics fell to 0-20 against Atlantic Division. Juwan Howard had 20 points and

11 rebounds for the Bullets, who can complete its first series sweep of Boston since 1978-79 with a victory April 6 at the Fleet Center. Trail Blazers 88, Hornets 87 In Charlotte, North Carolina,

Kenny Anderson scored 14 of his 16 points in the second half and the Trail Blazers held Charlotte to one field goal in the final six minutes. Anderson, who played part of last season for the Hornets, added eight assists as the Trail Blazers improved their record in Charlotte

Glen Rice had 33 points for the Homets, who missed five of their last six field-goal attempts and had their three-game winning streak

Knicks 105, Pistons 94

In New York, the Knicks' 50th victory of the season gave them a 2-I edge in the season series and moved them 1 1/2 games ahead of Detroit in the race for the third playoff seed in the East.

New York also clinched the tichreaker edge and will get the higher seed if the teams finish with the same record.

It was the Knicks' first all-around In Landover, Maryland, reserve strong game since they beat the

Chicago Bulls 2 1/2 weeks ago -a. victory that was followed by losses in four of their next six games, including five against sub-500

Patrick Ewing scored 27 points for New York, which stayed 2 1/2 games behind Miami in the Atlantic Division. The Knicks became the first team in 11 games to score more than 100 points against the Pistons.

Wednesday's games: New Jersey 123, Philadelphia 105; Washington 165, Boston 92; Miami 101, Sacramento 88; Pordasof 88, Charlotte 87; Indiana 104, Dallas 80; New York 105, Detroit 94; Minnesota 102, Danver 100; Phoenix 109, Seattle 107; L.A. Labris 106, Milwankee 84.

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**SPORTS** 

Israel cricketers lose to Singapore

Singapore beat Israel by 68 runs in their ICC Trophy group A match in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia yesterday. Scores: Singapore 204 in 49.5 overs; Israel 136 in 43.4 overs.

The loss was Israel's third out of three matches played. The team lies joint bottom in the group, together with Gibrultar. The Israelis face the US today and Gibraltar on Sunday.

Post Sports Staff

### Royle guits Everton

LONDON (Reuter) - Everton manager Joe Royle left the English premier league soccer club "by mutual consent" yester-

day.

The team's Citabeall line carried a statement from Royle which said: "I have been disappointed by recent results and by our cur-rent league position. Having spoken to the chairman I am leaving

### Jacques Kallis joining Middlesex

# Mac TA beats Hap J'lem in battle of basketball's big two

What started out with a bang for Hapoel Jerusalem ended up in a whlmper, as Maccabi Tel Avry overcame the early ejection of Buck Johnson to score an easy 88-83 triumph in the battle of local basketball's top two clubs at Malha last night.

The loss sent a message from Zvi Sherf's club to Gadi Kedar's team, two weeks before the two meet in the State Cup final at Yad Eliahu. That message was, simply: you don't have the horses to beat us this time around.

Johnson's early shower came during Jerusalem's early pyrotech-nics, as Adi Gordon and Co. raced through Maccabi defenders to run up a quick 9-2 home lead. Johnson was whistled for an offensive foul oo a drive to the hoop against Motti Daniel, and had some words to say to referee Moshe Biton at the other end of the floor. When Biton whistled him for a technical, Johnson continued his verbal

abuse, then appeared to spit at of becoming a rout for Jerusalem Biton as the Maccabi player left the court. He was ordered off the Maccabi bench, and spent most of

the game watching his teammates from a corner of the arena. Johnson must have liked what he saw, as Borko Radovic got Maccabi back io the contest, hittiog a three-pointer to cut the lead from 17-8 to 17-15. But Jerusalem finally got its big men going, and

Billy Thompson and Dan

Bingenheimer pumped the lead

back up to 32-24 for the host. But Jerusalem and especially Adi Gordon seemed overmotivated for the game, the extra adrenalin leading to 11 first-half turnovers. Combined with some poor shot selection, the throwaways let Maccabi get back into the game easily, with ceoter Randy White running the offense from the low post. A late flurry hy Nadav Henefeld drew Sherf's club to 43-41, on a basket by Constantin Popa, and suddenly

what appeared to be on the verge

had become a close game.

Jerusalem's offense never answered the bell for the second half until it was too late. Gordon was completely shut down by Maccabi, and when found some space, was off his game anyway. He finished with just 13 points, all coming in the first half.

Meanwhile, Maccabi was dominating the boards, especially after Bingenheimer fouled out, the big man's fifth was whistled on him when he stupidly pushed Popa when the latter got in his way during a post-basket inbounds play.

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Bingenheimer's shoes underneath, and the resulting 12-3 run gave Maccabi a 61-54 advantage it didn't surrender the rest of the way.

Led by Popa and Doron Sheffer, Maccabi played textbook ball, drawing fouls and hitting from the line, especially Sheffer who was 8-8 from the charity stripe.

Jerusalem's vaunted outside game woke up near the end, but by then it was too late for second place Hapoel to even say they tried harder.

Jerusalem needs a victory on the road against Maccabi Ra'anana next Monday night to secure sec-ond place. For Maccabi, the triumph without Johnson just proved once again what depth they have on the bench, and why it appears they will have little trouble han-dling Jerusalem in the post-season.

Randy White led Maccabi with 19 points, while Thompson had 22 for Jerusalem, but Bingenheimer had just six, not nearly enough from a big man being counted on to contribute in a crucial game.

Maccabi Tel Aviv Hapoel Jerusalem Hapoel Eilat Maccabi Ra'anana Hapoel Galti Eyon Maccabi Rishon Givat Shumel Ma Ramat Gan Ma Ramat Gan

Israel won the first encounter against Luxembourg 1-0 last December in Ramat Gan.

Cyprus is possible.

Owing to the encounters on the continent, there will be only one Nacional League match this weekend, between Hapoel Taiba and Hapoel Kfar Sava, the match will take place in Umm el-Fahm tomorrow at 15:30.

There will be a full round of fixtures in the Second Division and in the lower leagues.

### **Portugal** squad rattled by player's attack on coach

LISBON (AP) - Portugal's preparations for its vital game at Northern Ireland tomorrow got off to a disastrous start with player Ricardo Sa Pinto's attack oo national coach Artur Jorge.

The incident disrupted training and clearly unsettled the squad as it hunkered down to discuss tac-

On Wednesday, Sporting of Lisboo striker Sa Pinto, apparently angry at being left out of the side for disciplinary reasons, punched and threw Jorge to the ground.

Jorge, whose face was bruised in the clash, played down the

"I had a quick word with the players about it. We'll give it more attention later. At the moment, we are focusing on the important game in Belfast," he

### Efes takes big step towards **Final Four**

ISTANBUL (Reuter) - Turkey's Efes Pilsen took a big step towards the Final Four of the men's European basketball club championship with a convincing 87-71 win over Villeurbanne of France last night.

Efes led from a few minutes into the game, finishing the first half with a 41-32 lead and maintained

the advantage to the end. In the second-half, there were spells wheo Vilicurbanne looked as though they might come back at the hosts with hard-won twopoint baskets coming from Jim Bilba and Brian Howard.

Efes' decisive reply came from Petar Naumoski with a series of seemingly effortless three-pointers to demoralise the visitors.

Ufuk Sarica played impressively for Efes, but like all other players on the court, was forced into the shadow of the brilliant Naumoski.

Villeurbanoe look dangerous enough to take the next leg in France, but Efes will be relying on another similar performance back in Istanbul if it goes to a deciding

### 50 off 19 overs, captured the indoor season due to a leg injury. Harvard vs. Yale flavor in annual Oxford-Cambridge Boat Race

LONDON (AP) - Yale snapped Harvard's 11-year winning streak last year in their traditional rowing showdown.

American Jordan Irving, a member of the winning Yale crew, will be in Oxford's boat tomorrow with another upset mission stopping Cambridge's four-year winning

string in rowing's most famous race.
"We finally broke Harvard's streak last year, so maybe that means something for Oxford, too," said Irving of Alexandria,

The president of the Cambridge crew is a former Harvard man - Ethan Ayer - and he begs to differ. Ayer was in Cambridge's winning boat last year and he intends a

"If Jordan has one thing against him being in the Oxford boat, he has two things against him being from Yale," said Ayer of Greenwich, Conn.

"Yale is definitely not a favorite opponeot of mine so I would be happy to take him on two counts." Called simply "The Boat Race," tomorrow's race over 4 1/4 miles (6.8 kilometers) on a curving stretch will take just over 17 minutes to finish and will be the centerpiece of the day for about 100,000 fans who will line the river bank or lean over bridge railings to get a look. The tradition is purely British. But the

in the hoats this year. Cambridge leads the series, which has been run almost every year since 1829, 73-

field is international with six non-Britons

The crews this year - the two tallest on record averaging 1.95 meters between them - might also be the strongest with Oxford, under new Dutch coach Rene Mijnders, very slight favorites to stop Cambridge's streak at four.

Ayer, at 2.05 meters, set the record last year for the tallest rower ever in the race. This year, Cambridge is the slightly heaviet crew and the heavies has won 93 of the previous 142 races.

Olympic gold last season and has been preaching technique over the raw power traditional in British rowing.

"This crew is very comparable to my Dutch eight," Mijnders said. "The quality is very close, maybe there's a small difference in power and experience." "We know that Oxford is fielding the best boat they have for a long time," said Canadian Olympian Brad Crombie who is rowing for Cambridge. "It could be their best boat ever. We're wise to that fact. From the first day of training we knew we'd need a great crew to win." "It's hard to compare this to the Olympics," added Cromhie, who is studying for a doctorate in 19th century German history.

"Il's like comparing apples to oranges. Rowing is just one aspect of the Olympics. Here's it's the focus. There's a strong rowing tradition in England, they know much more about the sports and its followed more closely." In addition to Crombie and Ayer, the other non-Briton on Cambridge is Denmark's Damien Maltarp, Oxford - in addition to Irving - has two other non-Brilons in the crew and they're both Olympians - Roberto Blanda of Italy and

low-key recruiting is used to bolster each crew. Both universities deny it as do the rowers. But some rowers get preference, as is the case with Oxford's stroke this year Tim Foster.

A British Olympian, Foster won bronze in Atlanta last summer in fours. He said be was turned down by Oxford and Cambridge as an undergraduate - before he was a well-known oarsman. Now, as an Olympic rower, he was admitted by Oxford

to do a one-year masters degree. "I don't think there's anybody calling up trying to get in really good rowers, Foster said. "But it probably helped this time that

CAPE TOWN (Reuter) - South African all-rounder Jacques Kallis, 21, has agreed a one-year contract with English county side Middlesex, the United Cricket Board (UCB) of South Africa

confirmed yesterday.

Kallis, a hard hitting right hand top order batsman and useful
has played in five Tests fo second change medium pace bowler, has played in five Tests for

# **UEFA** bans top referee for life

eree Kurt Roethlisberger, once recognized as one of soccer's top officials, was suspended for life by UEFA yesterday for attempted

bribery: UEFA said in a statement that Roethlisberger admitted attempted bribery during investigations into a European Champions' League match between Grasshopper Zurich and Auxerre on October

"We can't say anything about this case because we could influence other cases," said UEFA spokesman Frits Alstrom. "It would only make things more complicated. We have other cases and sometimes they are com-

The UEFA investigation found that Roethlisberger contacted Grasshopper manager Erich Vogel

"Mr Roethlisberger asked whether Grasshopper-Club would be interested in the referee of the Grasshopper-Club-A.J. Auxerre match on 30th October 1996 oot giving decisions against Grasshopper-Club," said UEFA, after the ruling by its Control and

Disciplinary Committee 00 Tuesday. This would obviously involve financial compensation, and the sum of 100,000 Swiss Francs (\$68,600) was mentioned. Mr Roethlisberger said he was friendly with the referee (Vadim Zhuk of Belarus), and that it would be easy to arrange the matter."

reported to UEFA by Grasshopper who won the match 3-1. "In the course of the investigations. Mr Roethlisberger admitted attempted bribery," UEFA said.

The statement added: Through

Roethlisberger's actions were

has violated principles which are indispensable for sport, namely those of loyalty, integrity and sportsmanlike conduct.

The matter is all the more regrettable as Kurt Roethlisberger is a well-known figure, who was a FIFA referee for a considerable number of years."

Roethlisberger has until midnight April 2 to lodge an appeal against the UEFA ruling.

We cannot make any comment or give any information until after the appeal (date)," said Freddy Bickel, Grasshopper media officer, "We would like to make a comment but we've been told we can't" UEFA said investigations concerning Zhuk were continuing and that he would oot officiate as a FIFA referee until the investiga-

tion was complete. Roethlisberger, at one time conand visited his offices on October sidered among the world's top referees, officiated at the 1990 and 1994 World Cups, the 1988 Olympics and European champi-

onship matches.
Roethlisberger retired as a referec last year after a 27-year offici-. ating career as controversial as it was accomplished.

He was sent home in disgrace from the 1994 World Cup finals in the United States after admitting he should have awarded Belgium a penalty during their 3-2 defeat by Germany in a second round

In 1995, Roethlisberger was handed a three-month suspension by FIFA for mis-using his position as a referee in a campaign to wio a scat in the Swiss parlia-

He was photographed in his offi-cial uniform and had the logo of his political party super-imposed on his shirt beside FIFA's own emblem during an election cam-

### his action, Kurt Roethlisberger Robbie Fowler fined for supporting fired dock workers

GENEVA (Reuter) - Liverpool which read: "Sopport The 500 triker Robbie Rowler was fined Sacked Dockers." striker Robbie Fowler was fined 2,000 Swiss Francs (\$1,400) by European governing body UEFA yesterday for his show of support for sacked dock workers during a Buropean Cap Winners' Cup match. Ironically, Fowler had received a pat on the back from the world goveaning body FIFA on Tuesday for a display of fair play during an English premier league match against

UEFA's Control and Disciplinary Committee made note of Fowler's sporting behavior in assessing the punishment beginning its press release saying, "It may seem strange and even unfair."

After scoring his second goal in Liverpool's 3-0 Cup Winners' Cup win over Brann Bergen of Norway last week, Fowler lifted up his red Liverpool shirt to display a T-shirt

UEFA regulations prohibit players from displaying any political logos at

The press release noted that while UEFA may sympathize with such support, it strictly rules that a soccer ground is not the right stage for political demonstrations.

Two days earlier, Fowler was praised for his sense of fair play when he argued against a penalty call after he appeared to be brought down in the penalty area by England goal-

keeper David Seaman. However, as referee Gerald Ashby signalled the penalty, Fowler protest-ed that he had not been fouled.

Your reaction in the penalty incident did you great honor. It is the kind of reaction which helps maintrin the dignity of the game," said FIFA general secretary Sepp Blatter.

### UEFA continuing probe into crowd trouble at Porto-Man. Utd. match

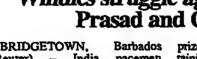
GENEVA (Reuter) - UEFA said match on March 19. yesterday it was still investigating The injured, inclu the incident that left eight Manchester United fans injured after a clash with riot police followmg a European Cup quarter-final against Porto.

Oporto police fired plastic pellets and small rubber balls - both part of The injured, including one with

head wounds, were taken to hospital but all were discharged.

The match ended 0-0 but Manchester United went through 4-0 on aggregate after trouncing Porto at Old Trafford in the first

anti-riot equipment – to contain
United supporters seeking to break
out of the stadium at the end of the



Their predicament could have

been worse but for a battling unbeateo 53 by Shivnarine West Indies, who lost openers

Prasad, who has taken three for

### Courtney Walsh, with a beautiful outswinger which he edged to Sachin Tendulkar at first slip. Lara made 19. .

to wicketkeeper Nayan Mongia. Roland Holder, playing his first test before his home fans, did not last long. He was caught at third slip by Mohammad Azhamddin

### Prasad and Ganesh prized wicket of Brian Lara, captaining the side in the absence of

(Reuter) - India pacement Venkatesh Prasad and Dodda Ganesh had West Indies on the ropes at tea on the opening day of the third Test yesterday.

Indies to 144 for five.

lunch, were never able to come to terms with a bouncy pitch.

While the wickets were falling, Chanderpaul progressed to his 14th Test half century, reaching the landmark off 126 balls and striking

### PIETE SBURG, South Africa (Reuter) - Frankie Fredericks made a dynamic return to the track yesterday as he ran the second fastest 100 meters ever on African Carl Hooper was next to go, also for 19. He flashed at a wide delivery from Ganesh and edged a catcb The Namibian, who took silver io both spriots at the Atlanta

the first leg of the Eogen Grand Prix Summer Series. Fredericks' time was 0.02 seconds slower than Briton Linford Christie's African record set in

Olympics, posted 9.99 seconds in

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Johannesburg in 1995. Fredericks, who last raced in September, missed the entire

### **Worthwhile effort**

This time Jana Novotna's collapse came after the match. Novotna rose above her reputation for choking - barely - in Wednesday's quarterfinals at the Lipton Championships. She survived 63 unforced errors and 2.1/2 hours in the bot Florida sun to outlast Iva Majoli 6-2, 3-6, 7-6 (9-7). Third-seeded Novotna advanced to the semifinals against top seed Martina Hingis. wbo blitzed No. 10 Mary Joe Fernandez 6-4, 6-1. No. 4 Monica Seles and No. 11 Barbara Paulus will meet in the other semi-final. Top-ranked Pete Sampras took advantage of an opponent's misstep and advanced to Friday's men's semifinals. Sampras won by walkover because unseeded Hendrik Dreekmann of Germany was unable to take the court. Dreekmann sprained his right ankle Tuesday night when he tripped over uneven pavement while walking to bis hotel after dinner.

### Sports delegations to meet Diaspora youngsters

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Delegations of Israel athletes participating in competition abroad will take time out to meet with local Jewish youth, according to directive issued this week by Deputy Education, Culture and Sports Minister Moshe Peled.

Prior to their visits, the athletes will be briefed about the situation of the Jews living in the countries to which they will travel. "Getting to know the community and proper information efforts by the athletes will strengthen our ties with the Diaspora," Peled said.

# Windies struggle against India's

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Sherwin Campbell and Stuart Williams in reaching 68 for two at

on the Thames is rowing's finest event. It

68 (with one draw).

Mijnders coached the Dutch eight to

Luka Grubor of Croatia.

The preparation is similar to the Olympics and the quality is similar, but it's just one race," Blanda said. "There's oo semifinals... you just have to be perfect on the day." Blanda, who got his undergraduate degree from the University of Washington in Seattle in linguistics and French, was lured to Oxford by it academic tradition and its rowing.

There have been off and on rumors that

people knew who I was."

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On the road

Israeli-Arab women travel to the Allenby Bridge yesterday on the first leg of their haj to Mecca in Saudi Arabia. (Brian Hendler)

# Ethiopian community angry over Israel Prize award to 'racist' journalist

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Leaders of the Ethiopian Jewish community are considering peti-tioning the High Court of Justice to try to block the awarding of an Israel Prize for Journalism to veteran Ma'ariv columnist Shmuel Schnitzer, claiming Schnitzer is a racist who incited against Ethiopian Jewry in the press.

MK Adisu Massala (Labor), who also heads the United Ethiopian Jewish Organization, sent letters to President Ezer Weizman and Education Minister Zevulun Hammer this week. He cited an article by Schnitzer from August 19, 1994, entitled "Importing Death," in which he referred to Ethiopian Jews brought to Israel and spoke of "thousands of apostates carrying dangerous

"No responsible government knowingly brings in such spreaders of disease," Schnitzer wrote. In the same column, he also asks: "Who knows if there aren't any other diseases here that haven't yet been found to be fatal?"

Schnitzer's column was written in response to an article in Ha'arct: about a reported high incidence of tuberculosis among Ethiopian Jewish immigrants living at caravan sites. It also followed an appeal by the Ethiopian community against the screeoing of a television news item about the reported high incidence of AIDS in the community. In the article,

Schnitzer argued that the public's right to know about the disease outweighed the Ethiopians' desire to protect the good name of the community.

According to Massala, a journalistic ethics committee subsequently branded the column an unfair attack on the Ethiopian community in Israel.

Schnitzer yesterday denied that the column is racist, insisting, "What I wrote are things that appear in the Law of Return. The Law of Return states that a Jew who adopts another religion is oot eligible to make aliya to Israel. It also states that anyone carrying infectious diseases is not permitted to do so. I simply asked that the Law of Return be upheld." .

Defeoding the Education Ministry's decision to award Schnitzer the prize, Dov Goldberger, the minister's adviser oo Israel Prizes, said that the award is made "for a person's life's work."

"It's hard to think of many nominces about whom one could not find something to criticize. There are authors honored who have published unsuccessful books, or scientists about whom it could be claimed they once wrote a scientific article that was found to be incorrect," he said.

Jewish philosopher and Israel winner Leibowitz, who once used the term "Judeo-Nazis" to describe

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"But was he oot deserving of the award for his life's work?" Goldberger asked.

He added that there had even been those who were critical of the choice of TV newscaster Haim Yavin for the award this year, because he raised his eyebrows when announcing the 'mahapach' [turn over] in the elections.

"Obviously, if we were judging by this particular article, we would have not awarded him the prize, but the prize is for an entire life's work," Goldberger said.

However, in his letter, Massala

said that awarding the prize to Schnitzer was tantamount to spitting in the face of Ethiopian Jews living here. He said he was surprised that "in a democratic soci-

ety like Israel, such a persoo could

get such a prize." Massala said that the award siogles out Schnitzer's contribution as a Zionist, but the article showed "he's an anti-Zionist, and an antisemite, oot worthy of the

This is not an Israel Prize for Journalism, but an Israel Prize for racism and incitement," Massala

# A-G, police review Bar-On evidence

Netanyahu won't be investigated again

By BATSHEVA TSUR

Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein and State Attorney Edna Arbel met with members of the police

investigative team that bas been taking evidence in the Bar-Oo Affair at

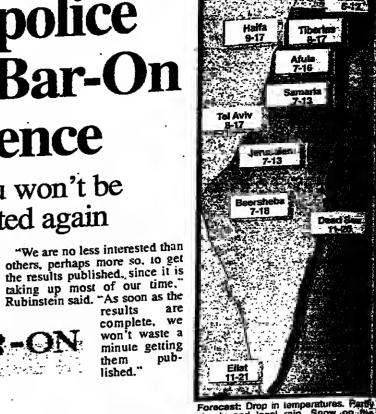
the Neveh Ilan guest house in the Jerusalem Corridor yesterday. They discussed the evideoce accumulated during the nine-week of investigatioo.

They are expected to get together several times in the coming days, until all the material is collated and the State Attorney's Office reaches its cooclasioos on whether indictments should be presented.

Arbel was asked by reporters whether Prime Minister Binyamio Netanyabu would again be called to give evidence and she replied in the negative.

There will be oo more iovestigations, but we may have to complete some details," Arbel told Israel Radio. She added that Rabbi Ovadia Yosef had oot been asked to give evidence but, if the need arose, he would be approached.

Asked wheo the cooclusions would be published. Rubinstein told reporters that everything possible is being door to speed up the process.



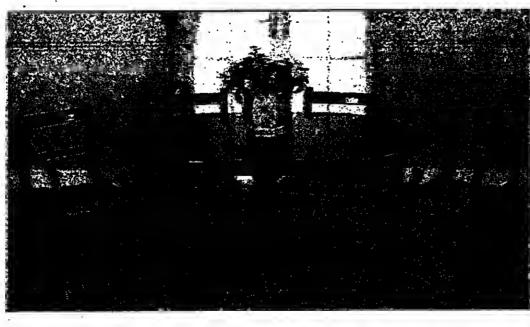
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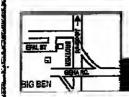
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